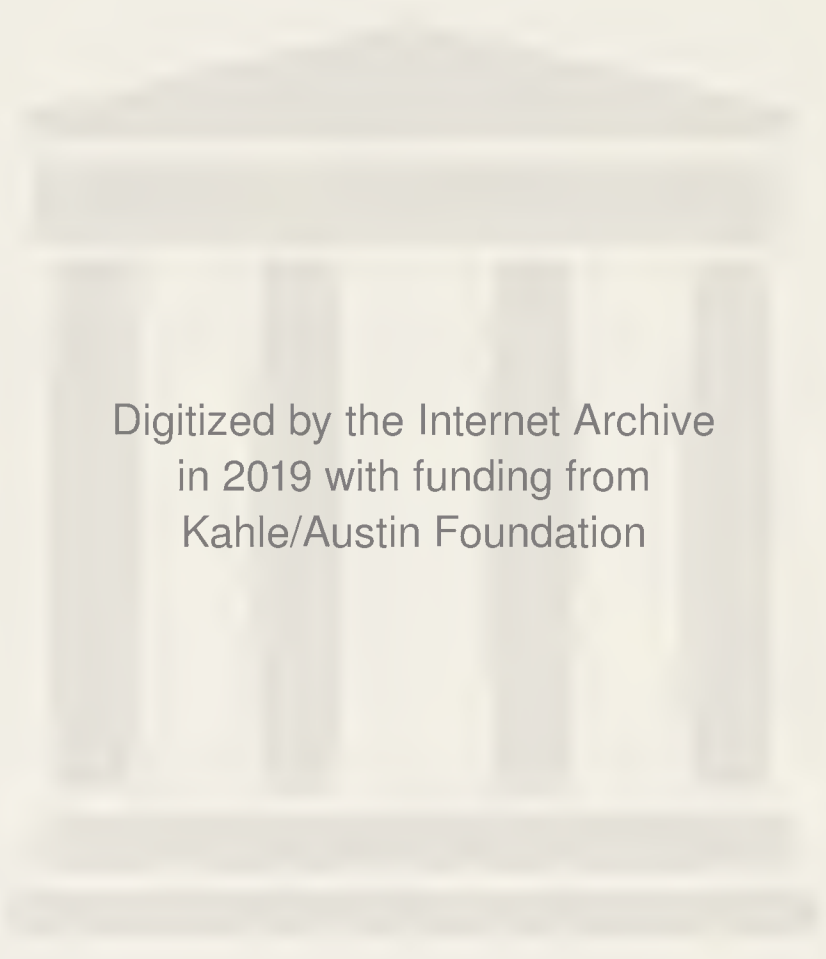


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CARNEGIE HERO FUND COMMISSION

Established April 15, 1904, by Andrew Carnegie, the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission was created to recognize outstanding acts of selfless heroism performed in the United States and Canada.

The single event that stimulated Mr. Carnegie to organize the Fund was the Harwick mine disaster near Pittsburgh on January 25, 1904, which claimed 181 lives. The victims included an engineer and a miner who went into the stricken mine in valiant attempts to rescue any survivors.

The tragedy and sacrifices so moved Mr. Carnegie that he promptly took action on his then-novel idea of honoring and helping the “heroes of civilization.” Writing in the Commission’s founding Deed of Trust (see page 5), he specified that each hero to be recognized, or the next of kin, was to receive a medal reciting the heroic deed it commemorated. The Commission was empowered also to make monetary gifts. Given to the heroes or their families, the grants include continuing support, scholarship assistance, and death benefits. More than \$28 million has been given to the awardees or their survivors over the life of the Fund.

Recommendations for awards may be made by anyone having knowledge of such outstanding acts of bravery. Awards are open to all civilian citizens of and visitors to the two countries under regulations presented in detail on the subsequent pages of this report. Each act is investigated as to fact and degree of risk involved and is evaluated by the Commission on the basis of the results of the investigation.

The Commission is a private operating foundation, classed as a charitable organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code. Visit the Commission’s Web site for further information: www.carnegiehero.org

HARD, DANGEROUS, AND RIGHT

As a society, we are not very careful how we use the word "hero." Scan a newspaper and you will find the word applied to everything from skilled athletes to rescuers of cats. Yet, as you read the accounts of the acts performed by this year's recipients of the Carnegie Medal, you will recognize a very different kind of heroism. More than a century ago Andrew Carnegie created the medal to recognize what this year's awardees demonstrate so vividly: Ordinary people who perform extraordinary acts in the face of extraordinary risks.



One awardee jumped from a highway bridge into Tampa Bay, swam underwater to a submerged vehicle, and rescued an unconscious 7-year-old boy. Another, all of 15 years old, entered his neighbor's burning mobile home to rescue a child after a gas explosion set fire to the kitchen. He went back a second time to rescue another child.

Risk and difficulty are not incidental to an award of the medal, they are the essence of it. The award is not given for skill, physical strength, or even success in the rescue. Too often the rescuer, the victim, or both perish in the attempt. Instead, the Carnegie Medal recognizes a moral choice



RANDY A. NOLEN, CENTER, OF NEW CUMBERLAND, PA., AND NICOLAS BARRELET, RIGHT, OF HARRISBURG, PA., RECEIVED THEIR CARNEGIE MEDALS FROM HARRISBURG MAYOR STEPHEN R. REED, LEFT. THEY WERE CITED IN 2006 FOR RESCUING A MAN FROM THE SECOND FLOOR OF HIS BURNING ROW HOUSE IN HARRISBURG (SEE PP. 13 AND 50).

to do what is hard, dangerous, and right. This is an ancient value of our civilization, reflected in these words of the Roman senator Metellus:

*...Good actions involving no danger were quite common; but to act well when it was dangerous to do so was the proper duty of a virtuous man.*¹

Carnegie's criteria for the medal also require that the hero act unselfishly, as a volunteer, purely for the benefit of the victim. Thus he crafted the award not for individuals of great skill or strength, but for those with the will, the moral strength to do a hard and dangerous thing purely for the benefit of a fellow human being. It is our honor to recognize them.

Mark Laskow
President

¹Related by French essayist Michel de Montaigne in his essay "On Cruelty," translated by J.M. Cohen, 1958.

DEED OF TRUST

TO THE HERO FUND COMMISSION

GENTLEMEN: We live in a heroic age. Not seldom are we thrilled by deeds of heroism where men or women are injured or lose their lives in attempting to preserve or rescue their fellows; such the heroes of civilization. The heroes of barbarism maimed or killed theirs.

I have long felt that the heroes and those dependent upon them should be freed from pecuniary cares resulting from their heroism, and, as a fund for this purpose, I have transferred to the Commission five million dollars of First Collateral Five Per Cent. Bonds of the United States Steel Corporation, the proceeds to be used as follows:

FIRST. To place those following peaceful vocations, who have been injured in heroic effort to save human life, in somewhat better positions pecuniarily than before, until again able to work. In the case of death, the widow and children, or other dependents, to be provided for until she remarries, and the children until they reach a self-supporting age. For exceptional children exceptional grants may be made for exceptional education. Grants of sums of money may also be made to heroes or heroines as the Commission thinks advisable — each case to be judged on its merits.

SECOND. No grant is to be continued unless it be soberly and properly used, and the recipients remain respectable, well-behaved members of the community, but the heroes and heroines are to be given a fair trial, no matter what their antecedents. Heroes deserve pardon and a fresh start.

THIRD. A medal shall be given to the hero, or widow, or next of kin, which shall recite the heroic deed it commemorates, that descendants may know and be proud of their descent. The medal shall be given for the heroic act, even if the doer be uninjured, and also a sum of money, should the Commission deem such gift desirable.

FOURTH. Many cities provide pensions for policemen, firemen, teachers, and others, and some may give rewards for acts of heroism. All these and other facts the Commission will take into account and act accordingly in making grants. Nothing could be further from my intention than to deaden or interfere with these most creditable provisions, doubly precious as showing public and municipal appreciation of faithful and heroic service. I ask from the Commission most careful guard against this danger. The medal can, of course, be offered in such cases. Whether something more can not judiciously be done, at the request of, or with the approval of, the city authorities, the Commission shall determine. I hope there can be.

FIFTH. The claims upon the Fund for some years can not exhaust it. After years, however, pensioners will become numerous. Should the Commission find, after allowing liberally for this, that a surplus will remain, it has power to make grants in case of accidents (preferably where a hero has appeared) to those injured. The action taken in the recent Harwick Mine accident, where Heroes Taylor and Lyle lost their lives, is an illustration. The community first raised a fund of forty thousand dollars, which was duplicated by me after waiting until the generosity of the community had full scope. Here again the Commission should be exceedingly careful, as in this case, not to deaden, but to stimulate employers or communities to do their part, for such action benefits givers themselves as well as recipients.

SIXTH. It seems probable that cities and employers on this continent will ultimately be placed under similar conditions to those of Britain, Germany, and other European States, and required to provide against accidents to employees. Therefore, the Commission, by a two-thirds vote, may devote any surplus that accrues beyond providing for heroes and their dependents (which provision must never be abandoned) to such other modes of benefiting those in want, chiefly caused through no fault of their own (such as

drunkenness, laziness, crimes, etc.) but through exceptional circumstances, in such manner and to such extent as the Commission thinks advisable and likely to do more good than if such sums were given to those injured by accident, where the latter may be suitably provided for by law, or otherwise.

SEVENTH. The field embraced by the Fund is the United States of America, the Dominion of Canada, the Colony of Newfoundland, and the waters thereof. The sea is the scene of many heroic acts. No action more heroic than that of doctors and nurses volunteering their services in the case of epidemics. Railroad employees are remarkable for heroism. All these and similar cases are embraced. Whenever heroism is displayed by man or woman in saving human life, the Fund applies.

EIGHTH. No personal liability will attach to members for any act of the Commission. The Commission has power to fill vacancies.

NINTH. The Commission has full power to sell, invest, or reinvest all funds; to employ all officials, including Secretary, traveling agents to visit and oversee beneficiaries, etc. and to fix their compensation. Members of the Commission shall be reimbursed all expenses incurred, including traveling expenses attending meetings. The President shall be granted such honoraria as the Commission thinks proper and as he can be prevailed upon to accept.

TENTH. An annual report, including a detailed statement of sums and medals granted and the reasons therefor, shall be made each year and published in at least one newspaper in the principal cities of the countries embraced by the Fund. A finely executed roll of the heroes and heroines shall be kept displayed in the office at Pittsburgh.

Andrew Carnegie

NEW YORK, MARCH 12, 1904

WITNESS, LOUISE WHITFIELD CARNEGIE

THE CARNEGIE MEDAL



*The Carnegie Medal is awarded to one who,
at the risk of his or her own life, saves or
attempts to save the life of another person.*



Mr. Carnegie's embossed profile dominates the front of the medal. On the reverse side in low relief is the geographical outline of the United States and Canada, the countries to which the Fund applies. In higher relief the seals of these countries are shown, with that of the United States below the inscription plate, and that of Canada above it.

Relief work surrounding the inscription plate reveals a sprig of laurel, typifying glory, and above are sprigs of ivy, oak, and thistle, for friendship, strength, and persistence. Encircling the relief work is a quotation from the New Testament (John 15:13): "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

REQUIREMENTS FOR A CARNEGIE MEDAL

- There must be conclusive evidence that the person performing the act voluntarily risked his or her own life to an extraordinary degree in saving or attempting to save the life of another person, or voluntarily sacrificed himself or herself in a heroic manner for the benefit of others.
- The act of rescue must be one in which no full measure of responsibility exists between the rescuer and the rescued.
- The act must have been performed in the United States, Canada, or the waters thereof and must be brought to the attention of the Commission within two years of the date of rescue.
- Persons *not* eligible for awards are: those whose duties in following their regular vocations require them to perform such acts, unless the rescues are clearly beyond the line of duty; members of the armed services; children considered by the Commission to be too young to comprehend the risks involved; and members of the same family, except in cases of outstanding heroism where the rescuer loses his or her life or is severely injured.

AWARDS

- A medal is presented to the person performing the act or, in case of death, to the widow, widower, or the next of kin.
- When a rescuer loses his or her life in the performance of an act, contributions may be made toward the livelihood of the dependents. If the rescuer is disabled in the performance of the act, periodic contributions may be made to his or her livelihood. If the rescuer is not injured, a monetary grant may nevertheless be made, should the Commission deem such gift desirable. Awardees and the dependents of posthumous and disabled awardees are eligible for scholarship assistance.
- The benefits to be paid and the manner of payment are determined by the Commission after consideration of the circumstances of each awardee. Continuing benefits are paid only if there is clear need for such assistance and only if such benefits are soberly and properly used and the recipients remain respectable members of their communities.

HEROIC ACTS RECOGNIZED DURING 2006

The following persons were cited by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission in 2006 for having performed outstanding acts of heroism. In each case, a Carnegie Medal and a financial grant were awarded.



LORI MICHELLE ABBOTT

Regina, Saskatchewan

Lori Michelle Abbott saved a boy from drowning, Lumsden, Saskatchewan, April 4, 2004. An 11-year-old boy fell through breaking ice on the Qu'Appelle River and, unable to climb from the water, shouted for help. Driving nearby, Abbott, 26, contract service provider, was alerted to the situation. When she responded to the riverbank, the boy told her he could no longer feel his feet and legs and that he was slipping from the ice. As the boy was closer to the opposite bank, Abbott crossed a nearby bridge to that bank, then removed her sweater and shoes. She entered the frigid water, which was over her depth, and swam to the ice sheet to which the boy was clinging. Raising herself onto the ice, Abbott crawled to the boy, then grasped him by an arm and pulled him from the water. Abbott and the boy crawled across the ice, re-entered the water, and swam to the closer bank. Others there assisted them from the river. The boy sustained mild hypothermia and scratches, and he recovered. Abbott sustained lacerations and contusions but did not require medical treatment. She recovered in a week. 78534-9001



ROBERT W. AIGELDINGER

Mountain Top, Pennsylvania

Robert W. Aigeldinger helped to rescue Frank T. Tencza from burning, Mountain Top, Pennsylvania, February 27, 2004. At night, Frank, 15, was trapped in the front passenger seat of the cab of a pickup truck after an accident in which the vehicle left the road, entered a wooded area, and caught fire at its front end. Aigeldinger, 34, state police dispatch officer, was driving on the road and was among the first to come upon the scene. He stopped there, as did another male motorist. The men approached the truck, where, finding the doors jammed, they removed the driver and other occupants of the vehicle through the window of the driver's door. Flames had entered the passenger compartment of the vehicle and were growing. Aigeldinger and the other motorist responded to the passenger side of the truck, where they reached through the window of the passenger door and worked to free Frank by moving his seat and pushing on the dashboard. Then maneuvering Frank, they freed his legs, positioned him on the seat, and pulled him from the vehicle, through its driver's side. Aigeldinger and the other motorist carried Frank to safety moments before the interior of the truck was engulfed by flames. Frank required hospitalization for treatment of his injuries, which included burns to his legs. 78319-8975



PETER EDWARD ALLEY

Bar Harbor, Maine

Peter Edward Alley saved Gary C. Alley from burning, Bar Harbor, Maine, January 13, 2006. Unconscious, Gary, 52, remained in the driver's seat of the pickup truck he had been driving, after a pre-dawn accident in which the vehicle slid on ice, left the highway, and struck a tree. Fire broke out in the pickup's engine compartment and began to spread, and dense smoke filled the cab. An approaching motorist, Peter, 46, maintenance supervisor,

stopped at the scene and tried to open the driver's door but was unsuccessful. He then reached through the door's missing window, unlatched Gary's safety belt, and pulled on Gary, but he could not move him. Peter left the scene to obtain a fire extinguisher from a nearby house and on returning found that the extinguisher was not functional. Despite flames that had grown and spread to the roof of the vehicle and had begun to enter the cab, Peter returned to the driver's side, reached through the window, and again pulled on Gary. After several attempts, he pulled him partially out of the vehicle, but Gary's foot was tangled in the safety belt. Peter freed the foot, then dragged Gary about 20 feet away to safety. Within moments, an explosive burst of flame engulfed the vehicle, the fuel tank of which was found to be ruptured, and the vehicle was destroyed. Gary required hospital treatment for his injuries, but neither he nor Peter was burned. 79059-9021



PAUL D. ALLSTON

Dover, Delaware

Paul D. Allston helped to save Charles F. Todd from drowning, New Castle, Delaware, August 24, 2005. Todd, 35, experienced difficulty while swimming in the Delaware River and shouted for help while clinging to a jetty that was about 270 feet from the bank. Dispatched to the scene, Allston, 38, police officer, went to the end of a pier that extended into the river near the jetty. As Todd shouted that he could not hold on any longer in the very strong tidal current, Allston removed his outer attire and entered the water. He swam about 90 feet through the current to Todd, then grasped him. To get out of the current, Allston moved Todd to the end of the jetty, then he supported Todd while holding to the jetty himself. A rescue boat arrived several minutes later and removed the men from the water, then took them to safety. They sustained mild hypothermia, and Allston, nearly exhausted, had abrasions to his body. They recovered. 78725-9029



ROBERT L. ATKINSON

Argyle, Texas

Robert L. Atkinson helped to rescue Jamie M. Daigle from an attacking shark, Miramar Beach, Florida, June 25, 2005. Jamie, 14, was swimming in the Gulf of Mexico when a large shark attacked her, inflicting severe wounds. A man who was on his surfboard in the vicinity paddled to her and placed her on the board, the shark remaining nearby. Atkinson, 40, airline pilot, was on the beach and witnessed the attack. He entered the water with a small boogie board and swam out, as did another man, who took an inflatable raft. Despite the shark menacing them, bumping into Atkinson's legs, the men placed Jamie aboard the raft, then started to shore with it. Others from the beach helped remove her from the water. Jamie could not be revived and died at the scene of her injuries. 79575-9028



NICOLAS E. BARRELET

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Nicolas E. Barrelet helped to rescue Juancio Irizarry from burning, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, January 28, 2005. Irizarry, 59, was in a second-floor bedroom at the front of a three-story row house after fire broke out in the room and set the bed aflame. Barrelet, 39, supervisor, drove by the scene and, seeing smoke issue from the bedroom windows, learned that Irizarry was in that room. He ran into the house and climbed the stairs to the second floor, but dense smoke there repelled him, and he returned outside. Barrelet re-entered the house, followed by another man who also had been passing by. They climbed the stairs to the second floor and proceeded through a hall to Irizarry's room. Barrelet pushed open the bedroom door and found Irizarry lying on the floor, behind the door. Grasping Irizarry by an arm, he pulled him into the hall and with the other man took him to the top of the stairs. Together the men carried Irizarry downstairs, where they awaited the arrival of emergency personnel. Irizarry required hospitalization for extensive burns, and Barrelet and the other man were given oxygen at the scene.

78256-8979

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PATRIZIO BARTOLOZZI

Gleichen, Alberta

Patrizio Bartolozzi saved Steven M. A. Hillman from drowning, Edmonton, Alberta, February 24, 2005. Steven, 9, and another boy were walking on ice that extended from the banks of the North Saskatchewan River. The ice broke beneath them. Steven's friend pulled himself from the open water, but a swift current pulled Steven downstream about 1,300 feet, or to where he leaned against the edge of solid ice at a point about 250 feet from the bank. Steven's friend screamed for help, attracting the attention of Bartolozzi, 50, baker, who was walking nearby. Bartolozzi saw Steven in the water and ran along the river to a point opposite him. He then walked and crawled across the ice toward Steven. Near the edge of the ice, which was only about an inch thick there, he flung his jacket toward Steven. Steven grasped it with difficulty and held to it as Bartolozzi pulled him onto solid ice. Bartolozzi crawled back toward the bank, pulling Steven, then stood and carried him the rest of the way in. Steven was taken to the hospital, where he was treated for hypothermia, and he recovered. Bartolozzi was cold and nearly exhausted, and he too recovered. 78346-9043



PATRICE BÉLANGER

Rivière-Héva, Quebec

Patrice Bélanger rescued a boy from burning, Rivière-Héva, Quebec, November 26, 2004. A 2-year-old boy and his young cousin were in the basement of a two-story house after fire erupted in that area. All occupants of the house, except the boy, fled to the outside. Bélanger, 41, forestry technician, was driving past the house when he saw smoke issuing from it. After alerting a neighbor, he returned to the scene, where he learned from the boy's family that the boy was in the basement. Bélanger entered the house three times in search of the boy but was repulsed each time by smoke. On a fourth attempt, he crawled to the head of the basement stairs, then, feet first,

crawled backward down them. Although there was no visibility in the basement because of the smoke, Bélanger found the boy, who lay unconscious on the floor. Taking hold of him, Bélanger crawled back up the stairs and exited the house. He resuscitated the boy, who required hospitalization for treatment of burns. Bélanger was examined at the hospital for smoke inhalation and was released later that day. 78771-9019



CHARLES D. BELL

Greenup, Illinois

Charles D. Bell rescued Jimmy S. Derixson from burning, Greenup, Illinois, January 3, 2004. Derixson, 26, was trapped in the cab of a pickup truck after it left the road, struck a tree, overturned, and caught fire at its front end. Bell, 46, farmer, and his son, who were working nearby, responded to the scene, where they aided the truck's other occupants and attempted to douse the flames. Derixson screamed for help as flames grew and spread into the cab. With no other means of accessing the cab available, Bell crawled beneath the bed of the truck and moved to the cab's rear window, which had broken out. He reached through the window, grasped Derixson, and, after repeated tries, pulled him free, then dragged him through the window and out from under the bed. With help from his son, Bell took Derixson to safety. Derixson required hospital treatment for third-degree burns and other injuries. He recovered. 78313-8966



WARREN BENNETT

Kingsland, Georgia

Warren Bennett helped to rescue Andrew F. Sleigh, Jr., from burning, Weston, West Virginia, July 17, 2005. Sleigh, 75, was on the second floor of his house after fire erupted in a bedroom on that floor. Driving by, Bennett 55, business operator, observed thick smoke and flames issuing from the residence. He stopped and ran to the house, entering it behind another man who also was responding. Bennett ran to the second floor, where in the

dense smoke he found that the other man had pulled Sleigh to the top of the stairs. As the other man left to obtain a wet towel from the first floor, Bennett dragged Sleigh downstairs. Two other rescuers who had entered the house removed him to safety through the front door. Sleigh required extensive hospitalization for treatment of severe burns. Bennett suffered effects of smoke inhalation, and he recovered. 79719-9037



ROBERT H. BLASKO

McKeesport, Pennsylvania

Robert H. Blasko rescued a woman from assault, White Oak, Pennsylvania, November 11, 2003. A 46-year-old woman was arguing with her boyfriend, 36, in the parking lot of a strip mall when the boyfriend grabbed hold of her and began to shake her. Blasko, 71, retired tool designer, was sitting inside his vehicle parked nearby and witnessed the assault. He exited the vehicle and approached the couple, yelling at the man to distract him. Blasko and the assailant then engaged in a struggle, after which Blasko took a few steps back. The assailant suddenly set upon him, striking him repeatedly in the face and sending him hard to the pavement. The enraged man then fled but was shortly apprehended by police. Blasko required extensive hospitalization for treatment, including surgery, of severe injuries, and a period of rehabilitation. 77287-8983



ANTHONY D. BLASKOSKI

St. Charles, Illinois

Anthony D. Blaskoski rescued William B. Gunderson and attempted to rescue Emma Gunderson from burning, Elburn, Illinois, March 2, 2005. Gunderson, 49, and his daughter Emma, 5, were inside the family's two-story house after fire broke out on the first floor and filled the house with dense smoke. Driving nearby, Blaskoski, 45, sales manager, saw smoke and flames issuing from the house. He stopped at the scene, where he learned that

Gunderson and Emma were still inside. Despite rapidly growing and advancing flames, Blaskoski entered through the front door and started to crawl through a hall. He retreated for air, then re-entered, finding Gunderson on the floor near the foot of the stairs. He attempted to pull Gunderson from the house, but Gunderson appeared to Blaskoski to be caught. After retreating again for air, Blaskoski entered the house a third time, ran to Gunderson, and, pulling him free, dragged him to the front door and outside to safety. Blaskoski entered the house a fourth time, in search of Emma, but was unsuccessful in the attempt. Responding firefighters recovered her from a second-floor bedroom. She was hospitalized for treatment of burn injuries but died the next day. Gunderson also required hospital care, as did Blaskoski, who had inhaled smoke and injured a shoulder during the rescue. 78510-8997



KENTON WILLIAM BOYDEN

Niagara Falls, Ontario

Kenton William Boyden helped to rescue Edward A. Bednarowski from assault, Niagara Falls, Ontario, February 18, 2004. Bednarowski, 38, a police officer, was attempting to question a suspect in a driveway off a residential street in early-evening darkness. The suspect produced a loaded handgun, aimed it at Bednarowski, and fired it at close range, but Bednarowski deflected the assailant's gun hand and the shot missed. Going to the pavement, Bednarowski and the assailant then struggled for control of the gun. Boyden, 33, disabled contractor, who lived across the street, witnessed the assault. He returned to his house to alert a male friend, then responded with the friend to the scene. The men approached the struggle and lay atop the assailant, one on each side. They pinned his hands to the pavement as the assailant, still holding the gun, struggled against them. Other officers arrived shortly and disarmed and subdued the assailant, releasing Boyden and his friend. Bednarowski suffered minor injuries to a hand. 78702-8999



DAVID W. BRAGG

Parker City, Indiana

David W. Bragg helped to save Timothy H. Hammer from being struck by a train, Parker City, Indiana, July 7, 2005. At a crossing, Hammer, 42, was attempting to cross a railroad track in his wheelchair when the front wheels of the chair got stuck. In an attempt to maneuver off the track, Hammer fell from the chair and landed between the rails. A train traveling at about 55 m.p.h. was approaching. Bragg, 47, manager, and another man were working outside a plant at the scene. They had heard the crossing's warning bells, then looked to the track and saw Hammer fall. Bragg and his coworker immediately ran to Hammer and grasped him about the arms as the train bore down at only slightly diminished speed. They dragged Hammer from the track just seconds before the train arrived and struck and destroyed Hammer's wheelchair. Hammer sustained a broken leg bone, which required surgery. Bragg sustained a minor injury to an elbow but fully recovered.

78646-9008



CURTIS L. BREWER

Wakefield, Virginia

Curtis L. Brewer saved Leonard M. Gray, Sr., from burning, Ivor, Virginia, December 21, 2004. At night, Gray, 50, who was partially paralyzed, was in a bedroom of a one-story house when he became aware of a chimney fire in the structure that sent flames into the bedroom and smoke throughout the house. With his son's help, he reached the hall adjacent to the living room. Brewer, 42, mechanic, was nearby, en route to work, when he saw flames and smoke issuing from the house. He stopped at the scene and learned that Gray was still inside. Although recovering from several broken ribs, sustained in an accident a month earlier, Brewer entered the house, through the front door. Visibility was nil in the living room, and heat was intense. Brewer proceeded, calling out for Gray, and found him in the hall. With difficulty, as

Gray outweighed him, Brewer assisted Gray to a side door, which was accessed by a handicap ramp. Another man met them there and took Gray to safety. Nearly exhausted, Brewer required hospital treatment for smoke inhalation. He recovered. 78232-8981



VIRGINIA D. BUHROW

Hot Springs, Arkansas

Virginia D. Buhrow helped to save a woman from drowning, Hot Springs, Arkansas, May 19, 2005. In a suicide attempt, a 65-year-old woman sat on the edge of a bridge spanning Lake Hamilton, at a point about 300 feet from the closer bank, then dropped 45 feet into the water. Buhrow, 40, business operator, was jogging on the bridge at the time and at the scene saw her floating on her back and calling out for help. A male motorist stopped on the bridge and joined Buhrow. Deciding to enter the lake for the victim, they removed their shoes and together jumped feet first into the water, the motorist hitting its surface hard on his side. Buhrow and the motorist approached the victim, supported her under her back, and began to swim to the bank with her. Joined by another woman, who had swum out from the bank, the rescuers took the victim toward shore and near it were met by two fishermen responding in a boat. As the rescuers held to the boat and to the victim, the fishermen towed them to a nearby dock, where they left the lake. The victim survived but required hospitalization. 78530-9005



KEITH CAMP

New Bedford, Massachusetts

Keith Camp helped to rescue Raymond A. Pittsley from burning, Freetown, Massachusetts, August 16, 2004. Pittsley, 80, was the driver of a dump truck that, in a highway accident, overturned onto its driver's side in the grassy median of a highway. Fuel leaked onto the grass. Other motorists, including Camp, 42, truck driver, stopped at the scene and approached the dump truck.

Pittsley appeared unconscious. The men reached through the windshield and were struggling to pull Pittsley out when fire erupted suddenly at the truck and repelled them. After leaving to obtain a fire extinguisher, Camp returned to the truck. One of the other men had pulled Pittsley from the cab and laid him on the ground. Camp and that man dragged Pittsley to the highway. Injured and burned, Pittsley was hospitalized but succumbed nine days later. Camp recovered from a minor burn to a leg. 78137-8972



BRANDON CASHEN

Orlando, Florida

Brandon Cashen saved Steven Scheiber and Daniel F. M. Lawlor from effects of an airplane crash, Orlando, Florida, January 11, 2005. Scheiber, 26, and Lawlor, 33, were aboard a single-engine light airplane that crashed while attempting an emergency landing at a golf course. The plane struck electric power lines and came to rest suspended by them, its right wing touching the ground. Cashen, 26, project manager, ran to the scene from the golf course. Seeing liquid escape from the engine and not knowing the status of the power in the lines, he climbed about six feet atop the wreckage and opened the cockpit's left door. Scheiber and Lawlor were seriously injured and unconscious, and both had their safety belts fastened. With a pocketknife that a bystander provided, Cashen cut Scheiber's safety belt, then maneuvered him from his seat and through the open door to other men who had responded. Those men carried Scheiber to safety. With some effort, Cashen kicked Scheiber's seat out of the way, then he cut Lawlor's safety belt and maneuvered him to the open cockpit door. He lowered Lawlor to arriving firefighters, then climbed down from the plane. Scheiber and Lawlor were taken to the hospital, where Lawlor died later that day. Scheiber was detained for treatment of multiple injuries, from which he recovered.

78211-9007



JARRETT MICHAEL CHEROK

Whitaker, Pennsylvania

Jarrett Michael Cherok rescued Bruce A. Nedrow from burning, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, June 8, 2005. Nedrow, 47, lay unconscious on the floor of a bedroom on the second floor of his row house, after fire broke out in that room and filled the floor with dense smoke. From his home nearby, Cherok, 23, drywall contractor, saw flames issuing from the house, in which his sister lived also. Dressed only in jeans, Cherok ran to the scene, where he broke in the front door. He found his sister on the second floor and carried her outside, then, despite showing effects of being exposed to the smoke, he re-entered the house and crawled upstairs in search of Nedrow. Seeing Nedrow's feet in the burning bedroom, Cherok crawled to him, grasped him about the lower legs, and dragged him to the top of the stairs. Nearly exhausted, he called for help, then resumed the rescue by dragging Nedrow downstairs and outside to safety. Nedrow sustained extensive burns and, hospitalized, died almost two months later. Cherok suffered smoke inhalation but did not require treatment. He recovered. 78523-8990



CHRISTOPHER T. COGSWELL

Hanson, Massachusetts

Christopher T. Cogswell saved Wilton E. Wetter from burning, Hanson, Massachusetts, October 21, 2004. Wetter, 37, remained in the driver's seat of the car he had been driving, after a nighttime accident in which the car left the roadway, went down a steep embankment, and caught fire in its front end. Cogswell, 36, auctioneer, who lived at the scene, heard the accident and, after reporting it, responded to the top of the embankment, where he saw the crashed and burning car. He descended the embankment to the vehicle, where he found Wetter awake but not making any effort to exit, despite Cogswell's urging. A young tree blocked access to the driver's door. Cogswell bent the tree trunk away from the car, then with difficulty opened

the door and wedged it against the trunk. He unfastened Wetter's safety belt, then struggled to pull Wetter out. Spreading flames grew and lapped into the car through a gap at the windshield. With Wetter free of the vehicle, Cogswell started to ascend the embankment but had to return to the car to get Wetter to follow him. They made it safely to the roadway as flames filled the interior of the vehicle. Wetter required hospital treatment, and Cogswell sustained bruises, from which he recovered. 78060-8987



CARTER L. CROTTEAU

Haugen, Wisconsin

Carter L. Crotteau helped to rescue Terry S. Willers from assault, Birchwood, Wisconsin, November 21, 2004. Willers, 47, was deer hunting on private property with several others, including Crotteau's father and brother. They and other members of the party confronted a trespasser on the property and directed him to leave. The trespasser, armed with a rifle, started to walk away but then opened fire on the hunters, wounding Willers and two other men and killing the remaining three, including Crotteau's father and brother. At the party's nearby cabin, Crotteau, 18, college student, was alerted by radio to the shooting and, despite not knowing the assailant's whereabouts, responded to the scene in an all-terrain vehicle with Willers's son. With Willers helped into the vehicle, Crotteau drove him and his son back to the cabin, meeting briefly with Willers's daughter and another hunter who had started to the scene to render assistance. Those two rescuers were then shot and mortally wounded by the assailant while en route. The assailant reappeared at the scene and opened fire on one of the surviving victims, then fled. Crotteau returned to the scene, followed by two men in a pickup truck who rescued the survivors. Having located his father and brother, Crotteau went back to the cabin and evacuated two others from the area. Willers required hospital treatment for his wound, and he recovered. 79296-9049



L. RODGER CURRIE

Palm Beach, Florida

L. Rodger Currie helped to save Daniel R. Adams and five others from burning, Hyannis Port, Massachusetts, July 12, 2005. Adams, 43, four family members, and a friend were crossing Nantucket Sound in Adams's 48-foot motor yacht when fire broke out below deck and grew. Dropping anchor, Adams called the Coast Guard and gathered his passengers to the bow of the vessel. Currie, 81, retired dentist, and his friend were approaching the scene in Currie's 24-foot sport boat, which the friend was then operating. They spotted smoke, then saw that the yacht was issuing 10-foot flames from stern to midship. Responding to the yacht, Currie's friend positioned the sport boat alongside it, but wind and four-foot seas made it difficult for him to maintain the position. Likewise, the rocking boats caused variance in the distance between the levels of their decks. While his friend remained at the wheel, Currie stood on the bow of the sport boat to help in the transfer of the victims. The first to board was Adams's young daughter, who was tossed to Currie by her mother. The mother followed, by jumping to the smaller craft, and three of the remaining victims followed her in similar fashion. Before Adams could leave the yacht, flames had spread to the extent that Currie's friend feared an explosion. He distanced the sport boat from the yacht, Currie yelling to Adams to jump overboard. Adams did so, then grasped the end of a line that Currie had thrown toward him, and he was pulled aboard the smaller craft. Within a short time, the yacht was engulfed by flames, and it sank later that day. Rescue boats arrived, and Adams and his party were escorted to shore, where they were tended by medical technicians. Adams's daughter had a minor burn on an ankle, but none of the others was injured.

78857-9027



ELIZABETH L. DARLINGTON

Columbia, South Carolina

Elizabeth L. Darlington helped to rescue William M. Koob from burning, Hickory, North Carolina, October 12, 2005. Koob, 85, was in the den of his ranch house when fire broke out at a propane heater in that room. Flames spread quickly. His wife responded to the den and, screaming, alerted her sister, Darlington, 77, retired interior designer, who was visiting. Darlington immediately responded from the opposite end of the house but was thwarted by flames from entering the den. After reporting the fire, she exited the house and went to an outside door that accessed the den. Despite advancing flames, Darlington re-entered the house and approached Koob. She grasped him by one arm while his wife grasped the other, and they dragged him to the outside door, then through it to the porch. As flames followed them, the women dragged Koob to safety in the yard. Koob was hospitalized for treatment of burns and smoke inhalation and died 16 days later. Darlington and Koob's wife suffered minor burns and were treated at the hospital. They recovered. 78831-9018



JAMES W. DAVIES II

Sicklerville, New Jersey

James W. Davies II attempted to rescue Shannon D. Williams from assault, Stratford, New Jersey, August 17, 2004. At night, Williams, 19, was stabbed repeatedly by her estranged boyfriend in a hallway of the apartment building where she lived. Hearing her scream for help, Davies, 22, heavy machine operator, opened the door of his apartment across the hall and saw the assailant straddling Williams. He immediately ran to the assailant, shouting at him to stop. The assailant turned on Davies and stabbed him in the neck, sending him to the floor. Williams fled into her apartment, but the assailant followed her and stabbed her again before leaving the building. Davies returned to his apartment and called 911, then went to an outside door to

await police, who arrived shortly and apprehended the assailant. Williams and Davies were hospitalized for treatment of their stab wounds, Davies requiring surgery for his injuries, which included a lacerated jugular vein, collapsed right lung, and nerve damage to his right arm. 78543-9053



RAYMOND J. DESADIER
Colmesneil, Texas

Raymond J. Desadier saved Betty W. Durham from drowning, Jasper, Texas, September 29, 2004. Durham, 57, was the driver of a van that, in an accident, left the roadway, entered the Angelina River, and sank. She emerged from the van and was swept downstream by the swift current. A coworker, Desadier, 25, business manager, had been driving behind Durham and witnessed the accident. He stopped at the scene and ran to the riverbank, where he saw Durham, who was a nonswimmer, at the surface of the water, which was about 14 feet deep. Fully clothed, Desadier entered the river and swam to Durham, who was about 60 feet from the bank. He grasped her by the hand and swam against the current back toward the bank. Two other men had arrived by then and met them in wadable water, and they removed Durham from the river, Desadier following after pausing to catch his breath. Durham was taken to the hospital, where she was treated for scratches and bruises, from which she recovered. 78332-8989



WESLEY E. DEVANE
Elba, Alabama

Wesley E. DeVane helped to rescue Justin A. Wilks from burning, Spring Hill, Alabama, November 12, 2004. Semiconscious, Wilks, 21, was trapped in the driver's seat of a burning pickup truck after a highway accident at night. Traveling together on the same road, DeVane, 40, transportation supervisor, and a friend responded to the scene. Hearing Wilks scream, they went to the driver's door of the truck, despite flames issuing from its front end and leaking gasoline on the pavement. DeVane forced open the door, then extended

his upper body into the truck and released Wilks's safety belt. The other man freed Wilks's feet from the pedals. As DeVane grasped Wilks about the upper body, the other man held him by the legs. They pulled him from the truck just moments before an explosive rush of flames engulfed the vehicle and spread to another vehicle nearby that also had been involved in the accident. Wilks was hospitalized three days for treatment of injuries sustained in the accident, including a minor burn. 78086-8964



JACK TIMOTHY DICUS

Destin, Florida

Jack Timothy Dicus helped to rescue Jamie M. Daigle from an attacking shark, Miramar Beach, Florida, June 25, 2005. Jamie, 14, was swimming in the Gulf of Mexico when a large shark attacked her, inflicting severe wounds. On his surfboard in the vicinity, Dicus, 54, computer network specialist, was alerted to the attack. He paddled to Jamie as the attack continued, then dismounted the board and placed Jamie on it. The shark had remained nearby, and when it approached the surfboard, Dicus struck it twice with his fist. He then began to paddle the board toward shore. Meanwhile, a man from shore swam out to them with an inflatable raft. With Jamie aboard the raft, the men started toward shore with it, Dicus paddling on his surfboard. The shark returned to them and swam in close proximity. Dicus hit the surface of the water to distract the shark, and it left the area. The men continued to shore with Jamie and removed her from the water with the help of others. Jamie could not be revived and died at the scene of her injuries. 78555-8993



LAWRENCE R. EADDY, JR.

Sicklerville, New Jersey

Lawrence R. Eaddy, Jr., saved Justin L. H. Phillips from burning, Sicklerville, New Jersey, February 14, 2005. Justin, 2 months old, was on the couch in the living room of his family's one-story house after fire broke out in the adjacent kitchen. Eaddy, 37, postal supervisor, was the passenger in a car

that was driving down the street at the scene. Alerted to the fire, Eaddy entered the house through the front door and, crouching, moved forward through the living room. He was unable to see in the dense smoke, and heat in the structure was intense. Nearing the end of his breath, Eaddy found the couch on which Justin lay. He picked the infant up, tucked him inside his jacket, and made his way back to the front door, where he exited the house to safety. Justin was taken by ambulance to the hospital, where he was treated for smoke inhalation. He recovered. 78460-8970



JENCIE REGINA FAGAN

Reno, Nevada

Jencie Regina Fagan helped to rescue an indeterminate number of persons from assault, Reno, Nevada, March 14, 2006. A 14-year-old boy entered the middle school he attended, armed with a .38-caliber revolver and three bullets. He went into the main corridor and fired three times, striking one student and injuring another with bullet fragments. Fagan, 43, teacher, was in the gymnasium adjacent to the corridor when she heard the gunfire. She ran to the corridor as the third shot was fired. Seeing the armed student, Fagan told others in the vicinity to seek safety. She then moved to within 12 feet of the assailant, telling him to discard the gun, and he did so, throwing it to the floor. Fagan went to the assailant and held him until police arrived shortly. The two students who had been injured received medical treatment, and they recovered. 79175-9039



JUSTIN PAUL FAUR

Teeds Grove, Iowa

Justin Paul Faur died after attempting to save Dwight R. Johnson from suffocation, Andover, Iowa, April 16, 2005. Johnson, 52, was overcome by fumes in a manure pit beneath the floor of a barn on his farm. Faur, 23, farmhand who worked for Johnson, found him there and alerted others, directing them to call for help. He then returned to the barn and was seen descending into the pit by means of a pump arm that had been placed there. Firefighters responded shortly, found both men unconscious at the bottom of the pit, and, using breathing apparatus, removed them. They were hospitalized for treatment of inhaling manure gases but died of the effects, Johnson, five days after the accident, and Faur, 14 days. 78503-9010



JOHN H. FLANIGAN

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

John H. Flanigan saved Lindsey C. Stocke from burning, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, August 15, 2005. Lindsey, 6, was sleeping in a basement bedroom of her family's 1.5-story house after fire broke out in the basement and filled it with dense smoke. Working nearby, Flanigan, 57, bricklayer, was alerted to the fire, and he responded to the scene. He entered the house through its rear door but found that the stairs leading to the basement were not passable due to fire conditions. Flanigan then went to the side of the house, where he kicked in an air conditioner that was in a basement window. He entered the basement through the window, then, despite the dense smoke that precluded visibility, walked about searching for Lindsey. After returning to the window for air, he crawled about the room but again had to retreat for air. After additional attempts, Flanigan found Lindsey, who lay on the bedroom floor, unconscious. He picked her up and carried her to the window, where he handed her outside to others. Flanigan then climbed through the window to safety. Lindsey required hospitalization for treatment of smoke inhalation, and she recovered. 78671-9013



STEPHEN M. FOSTER

Indianapolis, Indiana

Stephen M. Foster saved Robert S. Leech and rescued Hilda A. Frazier from burning, Indianapolis, Indiana, December 26, 2004. Leech, 92, and his wife Frazier, 79, were inside their one-story house after fire broke out in the attached garage and filled the house with dense smoke. Flames grew to overtake both an automobile parked in the garage and an enclosed breezeway that connected the garage to the house, at its living room. Foster, 43, contractor, who lived next door, responded to the structure after seeing it aflame. He entered the living room through a door off the breezeway and saw Leech standing in the kitchen. Foster went to him and tried to push him toward the door, but Leech fell. After Foster ran to the house's front door and opened it, he returned to Leech and dragged him to that door. Others took Leech to safety. Foster re-entered the house, in which dense smoke by then precluded visibility, and began to crawl in search of Frazier. He found her about 10 feet from the door, then stood and pulled her to it. Others likewise took her to safety. Leech and Frazier required hospital treatment for smoke inhalation, and Frazier for burns. She died two days later. Foster was hospitalized overnight for treatment of smoke inhalation, and he sustained also a minor burn to a hand. He recovered. 78204-8998



RICHARD J. GALLAGHER

Hyannis Port, Massachusetts

Richard J. Gallagher helped to save Daniel R. Adams and five others from burning, Hyannis Port, Massachusetts, July 12, 2005. Adams, 43, four family members, and a friend were crossing Nantucket Sound in Adams's 48-foot motor yacht when fire broke out below deck and grew. Dropping anchor, Adams called the Coast Guard and gathered his passengers to the bow of the vessel. Gallagher, 54, fire commissioner, and a friend were approaching the scene in the friend's 24-foot sport boat, which Gallagher was then operating.

They spotted smoke, then saw that the yacht was issuing 10-foot flames from stern to midship. Responding to the yacht, Gallagher positioned the sport boat alongside it, but wind and four-foot seas made it difficult for him to maintain the position. Likewise, the rocking boats caused variance in the distance between the levels of their decks. While Gallagher remained at the wheel, his friend stood on the bow of the sport boat to help in the transfer of the victims. The first to board was Adams's young daughter, who was tossed to the friend by her mother. The mother followed, by jumping to the smaller craft, and three of the remaining victims followed her in similar fashion. Before Adams could leave the yacht, flames had spread to the extent that Gallagher feared an explosion. He distanced the sport boat from the yacht, his friend yelling to Adams to jump overboard. Adams did so, then grasped the end of a line that the friend had thrown toward him, and he was pulled aboard the smaller craft. Within a short time, the yacht was engulfed by flames, and it sank later that day. Rescue boats arrived, and Adams and his party were escorted to shore, where they were tended by medical technicians. Adams's daughter had a minor burn on an ankle, but none of the others was injured. 78856-9026



DONALD R. GOLLWITZER

Grafton, Wisconsin

Donald R. Gollwitzer rescued Paul G. Hockerman from burning, Franklin Park, Illinois, July 31, 2005. Following a highway accident involving a pickup truck and the van in which he was a passenger, Paul, 11, remained in his seat, unconscious and secured by his safety belt. The van's fuel tank had ruptured in the collision, and flames that immediately erupted virtually engulfed the vehicle and entered its interior. A motorist nearby, Gollwitzer, 50, foreman, witnessed the accident. Abandoning his vehicle, he ran to the van, where he saw Paul lying against a door on the passenger side. Unable to open that door, Gollwitzer broke out its window with his fist, then reached inside and unlatched and opened it. Despite rapidly spreading flames and intense heat, Gollwitzer extended his upper body inside the van and released Paul's safety belt. He then lifted Paul from the vehicle and took him a safe distance away.

Paul was hospitalized for three days for treatment of burns, and he recovered. Gollwitzer suffered a burn to his right hand, and he too recovered. Two other children in the van died at the scene. 78672-9016



TODD M. GORE

Stockton, California

Todd M. Gore helped to save a woman from falling, Pleasanton, California, March 16, 2005. In an apparent suicide attempt, a 26-year-old woman sat on the outside edge of an interstate highway overpass, at a point about 28 feet above the highway surface. Police were called to the scene, including Gore, 37, deputy sheriff, who responded from a neighboring municipality. As the officer who had assumed command of the situation talked to the woman, she suddenly fell from her position but grasped the top of a large sign that was affixed to the side of the overpass, and she dangled over the highway. Gore immediately climbed a chain-link fence along the edge of the overpass and lowered himself to a position atop the sign. Holding to the fence with one hand, he grasped the woman by the hand with his other, but he could not pull her up. The officer in command then scaled the fence and lowered himself to a position atop the sign. He and Gore pulled the woman up to the top of the sign, then helped her scale the fence to where officers on the deck of the overpass assumed control of her. Gore and the other officer then climbed the fence to the safety of the overpass deck. The woman required hospital treatment. 78402-9003



GARY K. GRAY

Indianapolis, Indiana

Gary K. Gray helped to save Mark T. Yates from burning, Indianapolis, Indiana, January 4, 2005. Unconscious, Yates, 41, remained in the driver's seat of his automobile after an accident in which the car struck a concrete

abutment of an overpass. Fire broke out in the vehicle's engine compartment. Gray, 52, funeral director, was driving the lead car of a procession and came upon the scene. He stopped the procession and with other men from it approached the burning car. They tried without success to open the driver's door, then responded to the passenger side of the vehicle. One of the other men opened the front passenger door and entered the car for Yates, followed by another of the men. They tried to move Yates, but he was trapped in the wreckage. Despite flames nearby in the engine compartment and beginning to enter the interior through the dashboard, Gray opened the car's rear passenger-side door and completely entered the rear-seat area. He moved toward the driver's side, reached over the front seat, and manipulated both the steering wheel and Yates's legs to free him. The two other men pulled Yates across the seat and out of the vehicle, but while they did so, the rear door was closed, leaving Gray inside the smoke-filled car. Gray felt for the door handle and opened the door, then exited the vehicle safely and helped the other men drag Yates to safety. Within a minute, flames engulfed the car. Yates required lengthy hospitalization for treatment of his injuries, but he was not burned. 79269-9032



JOSEPH H. GRAYSON

Carmel, Indiana

Joseph H. Grayson helped to save Mark T. Yates from burning, Indianapolis, Indiana, January 4, 2005. Unconscious, Yates, 41, remained in the driver's seat of his automobile after an accident in which the car struck a concrete abutment of an overpass. Fire broke out in the vehicle's engine compartment. Grayson, 60, hearse driver, was in a funeral procession that came upon the scene. He stopped and with other men from the procession approached the burning car. They tried without success to open the driver's door then responded to the passenger side of the vehicle. When one of the other men opened the front door, he and Grayson entered the car for Yates, despite flames nearby in the engine compartment and beginning to enter the interior through the dashboard. They tried to move Yates, but he was

trapped in the wreckage. Another man then opened the car's rear passenger-side door, entered, and moved toward the driver's side. He reached over the front seat and manipulated both the steering wheel and Yates's legs to free him. Grayson and the other man in the front-seat area pulled Yates across the seat and out of the vehicle, but while they did so, the rear door was closed, leaving the third rescuer inside the smoke-filled car. He exited the vehicle safely then helped Grayson and the other men drag Yates to safety. Within a minute, flames engulfed the car. Yates required lengthy hospitalization for treatment of his injuries, but he was not burned. 79268-9033



CODY JAMES GRIFFIN

Bethel, Vermont

Cody James Griffin saved Diane M. Brunner from drowning, Stockbridge, Vermont, February 21, 2006. Attempting to rescue a dog that had broken through the ice along the bank of the White River, Brunner, 52, also broke through, at a point about 15 feet from the bank. Cody, 17, high school student, who had been flagged down by Brunner to help with the dog, walked across the ice toward her. Clad only in a basketball uniform, Cody knelt at the edge of the hole and grasped Brunner by the arms. Although Brunner, a poor swimmer, outweighed him and was fully attired, Cody pulled her from the open water and onto the ice, then took her toward the bank. Brunner and the dog returned to the house where she was staying, and she recovered after three days' rest. Cody's foot had broken through the ice, but he was not injured. 79152-9041



JERRY L. HALE

Parker City, Indiana

Jerry L. Hale helped to save Timothy H. Hammer from being struck by a train, Parker City, Indiana, July 7, 2005. At a crossing, Hammer, 42, was attempting to cross a railroad track in his wheelchair when the front wheels

of the chair got stuck. In an attempt to maneuver off the track, Hammer fell from the chair and landed between the rails. A train traveling at about 55 m.p.h. was approaching. Hale, 50, agricultural worker and another man were working outside a plant at the scene. They had heard the crossing's warning bells, then looked to the track and saw Hammer fall. Hale and his coworker immediately ran to Hammer and grasped him about the arms as the train bore down at only slightly diminished speed. They dragged Hammer from the track just seconds before the train arrived and struck and destroyed Hammer's wheelchair. Hammer sustained a broken leg bone, which required surgery. Hale was not injured. 78645-9009



JÜRGEN HAPKE

Burbank, California

Jürgen Hapke died rescuing Helmut Mende from assault, Beverly Hills, California, December 14, 2005. Commercial painters Mende, 71, and Hapke, 65, were in a parking lot at a job site when, just before dawn, a man approached Mende and without provocation stabbed him three times with a kitchen knife. Mende fell to the pavement and attempted to fight off the assailant. His yelling attracted the attention of Hapke, who was working about 25 feet away. Hapke approached the assailant, speaking to him, but the assailant turned from Mende and stabbed Hapke repeatedly. Mortally wounded, Hapke fell to the pavement as the assailant fled the scene. Mende required hospital treatment for his wounds, and he recovered. 79061-9038



MARK WAYNE HEBRINK

Harmony, Minnesota

Mark Wayne Hebrink rescued Charles F. Kayser from burning, Dunkerton, Iowa, August 12, 2005. Kayser, 33, was trapped in the cab of his pickup truck after a highway accident in which the pickup, struck by an automobile, veered into the path of an oncoming tractor-trailer. The pickup struck the tractor, rupturing the pickup's fuel tank, and burst into flame after coming to

rest in contact with the tractor. Hebrink, 45, truck driver, was driving the tractor-trailer. Exiting the vehicle uninjured, he saw Kayser attempting to escape the pickup, the doors of which were jammed. Despite flames engulfing the pickup, including its cab, Hebrink reached through the open window of the driver's door, grasped Kayser, and pulled him from the vehicle. The men fell to the pavement, then stood and fled the immediate scene. Kayser rolled on the ground to extinguish the flames on him, then with Hebrink moved farther away as flames spread to the tractor, destroying it. Kayser was hospitalized three months for treatment of extensive, severe burns. Hebrink was hospitalized overnight for treatment of first- and second-degree burns to his right hand and forearm and an abrasion to his left knee. 78729-9002



JAMES LONNIE HENSLEY

Skygusty, West Virginia

James Lonnie Hensley saved Larry R. Beavers from burning, Kimball, West Virginia, December 16, 2004. Conscious but severely injured, Beavers, 53, remained in the driver's seat of the pickup truck he had been driving, after a head-on collision with another vehicle. Fire broke out in the pickup's engine compartment and began to spread, and smoke filled the cab. Driving nearby, Hensley, 56, disabled coalminer, heard the accident and responded to the scene. After several attempts at opening both doors, Hensley pulled hard on the passenger door, and it gave way. He then leaned inside the pickup cab, grasped Beavers, and, although Beavers outweighed him, pulled him from the vehicle. He dragged Beavers off the road to safety. Beavers required hospitalization for treatment of his injuries, but he was not burned. Hensley also was taken to the hospital, where he was treated for smoke inhalation. He fully recovered. 78597-8995



LAUREN D. HESEBECK

Rice Lake, Wisconsin

Lauren D. Hesebeck helped to rescue Terry S. Willers and Dennis R. Drew from assault, Birchwood, Wisconsin, November 21, 2004. Willers, 47, was deer hunting on private property with several others, including Drew, 55, and Hesebeck, 48, automobile sales manager. They and other members of the party confronted a trespasser on the property and directed him to leave. The trespasser, armed with a rifle, started to walk away but then opened fire on the hunters, wounding Willers, Drew, and Hesebeck and killing three others. Although a vehicle nearby was available to him, Hesebeck remained at the scene to tend Willers and Drew. Willers's son and another man were alerted to the shooting, and they responded by all-terrain vehicle. They evacuated Willers from the scene, Hesebeck again electing to remain, with Drew. Hearing Willers's voice on a radio transmission, his daughter and another hunter, also members of the party, set out to the scene on an all-terrain vehicle. En route, they too were shot and mortally wounded by the assailant. The assailant reappeared at a point near Hesebeck and saw that he was alive. He fired again at Hesebeck, then fled. Two other members of the hunting party, Drew's brother and another man, arrived shortly in a pickup truck and took Hesebeck and Drew to safety. Willers required hospital treatment for his wound, and he recovered. Drew, also hospitalized, died the next day of his injury. Hesebeck was hospitalized for treatment, including surgery, of a shoulder wound, and he recovered. 78757-9048



CHARLES D. HETRICK

Brookville, Pennsylvania

Charles D. Hetrick rescued Martha J. Rich from burning, Brookville, Pennsylvania, February 23, 2006. Rich, 58, who used a wheelchair, was in the kitchen of her mobile home when fire broke out there at night and sent

dense smoke into the unit. She shouted for help, alerting neighbors who reported the fire. In his home nearby, Hetrick, 54, technical school student, learned of the fire by radio and immediately responded to the scene. He opened the mobile home's front door and was hit by smoke and heat. Hearing Rich moan, Hetrick went to his stomach and crawled across the living room toward the sound. He found Rich, who, semiconscious, lay on the floor where the living room and kitchen adjoined. Flames engulfing the kitchen were close by. Hetrick grasped Rich and dragged her to the front door, where a neighbor assisted in removing her from the mobile home. Rich was taken to the hospital, where she was detained for treatment of smoke inhalation and a burn to an arm. She recovered. Hetrick inhaled smoke and also recovered. 79138-9017



JOSEPH JOHNSON

Morgantown, Kentucky

Joseph Johnson saved Joshua N. Woosley from burning, Morgantown, Kentucky, March 6, 2006. Woosley, 20, was the passenger in a pickup truck that, in a highway accident, left the roadway, struck two trees, and broke into flames at its front end. The driver was killed in the collision, and Woosley, severely injured, remained in the front passenger seat. At a house near the scene, Johnson, 41, disabled mechanic, heard the accident and responded. Despite high flames issuing from the engine area of the vehicle, Johnson approached the passenger door and opened it, with difficulty. He leaned inside the cab at least twice but had to exit due to intense heat. Again leaning inside, he grasped Woosley, then lifted him from the vehicle and set him on the ground. Taking Woosley by the arms, Johnson dragged him to safety. Flames soon consumed the truck. Woosley required hospitalization for treatment of his injuries, but he was not burned. Johnson experienced soreness in his back for a few days, and he recovered. 79199-9025



KENNETH LEROY JOSEPH

Albany, Oregon

Kenneth LeRoy Joseph rescued Barbara A. Miller and Rita M. Baker from an attacking dog, Albany, Oregon, March 24, 2005. Miller, 56, was attacked by an adult male pit bull when she went to the house of a neighbor, Baker, 56. The 70-pound dog pulled Miller from the porch and bit her about the arms as she lay in the front yard. Baker attempted to get the dog off Miller, but it retained its hold. Miller's daughter responded and struck the dog, which then bit her. Joseph, 49, salvage technician, who lived in the neighborhood, heard the attack and responded to the scene. He ran to Miller and repeatedly attempted to pry the dog's mouth from Miller's arm by choking it, but the dog bit him on a finger. Joseph removed his belt, placed it around the dog's neck, and pulled the dog off Miller. He secured it in Baker's house, but it then attacked Baker when she entered the house for a blanket for Miller. Joseph entered the house and pulled the dog from Baker, enabling her to flee. Joseph followed, again leaving the dog in the house. Authorities arrived and secured the dog, which was later euthanized. The three women were taken by ambulance to the hospital, where they were treated for bite wounds and related injury. Joseph sustained a puncture wound to his finger for which he was treated at the scene. 78468-8982



DAVID GREGORY KAYS

Lebanon, Missouri

David Gregory Kays helped to save Jonathan M. Knickle from drowning, Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, July 29, 2005. After a few hours of fishing, Knickle, 23, a guide, and two clients, Kays, 43, circuit court judge, and his friend, took their 18-foot aluminum boat to shore in a remote area along the East Arm of Great Slave Lake. Intending to prepare a meal, they disembarked but found minutes later that the boat was drifting away from shore. Clothed, Knickle immediately entered the 41-degree lake and began to swim to the boat. Experiencing difficulty in the frigid water, he stopped swimming and

shouted for help. Alone and with no means of calling for help, Kays and his friend removed their outer attire, entered the water, and swam about 120 feet to Knickle. They grasped Knickle, who was bobbing in the water, and positioned him on his back. Grasping Knickle's clothes about the shoulder, Kays and his friend swam back to shore, albeit with difficulty as they swam against a current, swallowed water, and experienced fatigue. In wadable water, Kays and his friend dragged Knickle ashore, where they divided up their dry clothing. About 35 minutes later, fishermen in another boat saw the drifting vessel and located the stranded party. Their boat returned to them, Knickle and Kays and his friend returned to the lodge. Knickle was cold and sore, but he recovered the next day. Kays was cold and nearly exhausted. He developed flu-like symptoms from which he recovered in two weeks. 79289-9023



CHRISTOPHER JOHN KELSCH

Hampton Bays, New York

Christopher John Kelsch attempted to save Richard A. Levin from drowning, Port Jefferson, New York, December 5, 2005. Levin, 60, remained in the driver's seat of his automobile after it entered Port Jefferson Harbor in darkness and began to sink in water 10 feet deep at a point about 60 feet out. In his truck nearby, Kelsch, 45, plant mechanic, witnessed the accident. He reported it, and, taking a copper pipe with him, ran to the end of a dock at the scene. After removing his coat and shoes, Kelsch jumped into the cold water and swam out to the car, approaching on its driver's side. He broke out the window of the driver's door by striking it with the pipe and his fist, then he reached inside and cut Levin's safety belt with a pocketknife. The car submerged, taking Kelsch down. After attempting to pull Levin through the driver's window, Kelsch surfaced for air. He returned to the car, which had sunk to the floor of the harbor by then, and again attempted to remove Levin. Incapacitated by the cold, Kelsch drifted away from the car, to a side of the harbor from which responding firefighters shortly rescued him. Firefighters also removed Levin from his car. He and Kelsch were taken to the hospital, where Kelsch was treated for hypothermia. He recovered. Levin died of his injuries two days later. 78907-9035

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PAUL THOMAS LABELLA

Chatsworth, California

Paul Thomas Labella saved two boys from drowning, San Fernando, California, March 12, 2005. Two brothers, ages 11 and 13, entered the water of the Pacoima Wash and were swept away by the very swift current. Police officers responding to predetermined staging locations included Labella, 39, insurance investigator, who was on duty as a volunteer reserve officer. He arrived at the channel at a point about 1.5 miles from where the boys entered the water and shortly saw them approach. Labella threw a flotation device to the boys, but they failed to grasp it. Discarding his radio and weapon, Labella descended the sloped concrete bank of the channel and entered the water, which, although shallow, immediately knocked him from his feet. He caught up to the boys, secured them to his lap, and maintained his hold of them as all three were swept downstream. About three-quarters of a mile from where he had entered the water, Labella secured hold of a concrete projection in the middle of the channel that was the extension of a tunnel wall. Stopping their course at the entrance to the tunnel, Labella stood and, still holding the boys, awaited help. Firefighters responded after several minutes and removed the boys, then Labella, from the channel. Both boys and Labella were taken to the hospital, where the older boy was treated for shoulder pain. He recovered. Labella suffered hypothermia, abrasions, and sprains to both wrists.

78396-9011



JOHN R. LANE

Woodlawn, Virginia

John R. Lane saved George E. Rodgers from electrocution, Woodlawn, Virginia, February 15, 2005. Rodgers, 46, was servicing an elevator at the school where Lane, 57, was the head custodian. Rodgers, in the hall at the elevator's open doors, worked on equipment atop the lowered elevator car while Lane stood nearby to keep students away from the work site. Rodgers

accidentally touched an energized component and received an electric shock. Electricity arced to his hands, and he was unable to free himself. Observing the situation, Lane immediately grasped Rodgers by a shoulder and pulled, then pushed, him away, breaking the contact. He too received an electric shock, when he grasped Rodgers. Lane lowered Rodgers to a seated position, then left to summon help. Both men received medical treatment for effects of electrical shock, which, in Rodgers's case, included burns to both hands and to a leg. Each missed a few days' work, but they recovered.

78463-8996



ANTHONY S. LAROCK

Burt, New York

Anthony S. LaRock saved Kelly P. Chellino and rescued Mary L. Sears from burning, Lewiston, New York, April 14, 2004. Chellino, 35, was the driver, and Sears, 21, a passenger, of a sport utility vehicle that, in a nighttime highway accident, overturned onto its passenger side and lay partially in a ditch along the road shoulder. Fire erupted on the vehicle. Dispatched to the scene, LaRock, 34, state trooper, arrived to find the vehicle's exposed undercarriage covered by flame. He approached the windshield and saw Chellino, his safety belt still attached, in the driver's seat and flames at the firewall. Reaching through the window of the driver's door, LaRock cut Chellino's safety belt, then, with some difficulty, pulled him through the window and to the ground. After dragging Chellino away, he returned to the vehicle for Sears, who lay on the ground at its rear, her legs still inside the wreckage. To avoid the flames, which had spread inside the vehicle and were blowing across its top, LaRock stood in the ditch, crouching. He reached inside the wreckage and pulled Sears out, then dragged her away. As a third person remained inside the vehicle, LaRock attempted to fight the fire with portable extinguishers but with little result. Chellino and Sears were taken to the hospital, where Sears was detained for treatment of serious injuries. The third victim died at the scene. LaRock was treated at the hospital for smoke inhalation, from which he recovered, but he incurred also an injury to his wrist, which required surgery. He was disabled for 10 months. 78544-8991



ALLAN JAMES LASKI

Haugen, Wisconsin

Allan James Laski died attempting to help rescue Dennis R. Drew, Lauren D. Hesebeck, and Mark J. Roidt from assault, Birchwood, Wisconsin, November 21, 2004. Drew, 55; Hesebeck, 48; and Roidt, 28, were with other members of a deer hunting party on private property when they confronted a trespasser. They directed him to leave. The trespasser, armed with a rifle, started to walk away but then opened fire on the hunters, wounding Drew, Hesebeck, and another man and killing Roidt and two others. At their nearby cabin, other members of the hunting party were alerted by radio to the shooting, including Laski, 43, lumber yard manager, and the daughter of one of the victims. Not knowing the assailant's whereabouts, they set out on an all-terrain vehicle to the scene, but en route they too were shot and mortally wounded by him. The assailant reappeared at the scene and opened fire on Hesebeck, then fled. Others arrived shortly and took Hesebeck and Drew to safety. Hospitalized, Drew died the next day of his injury. Hesebeck was also hospitalized, for treatment, including surgery, of a shoulder wound, and he recovered. 78835-9051



RICHARD LEMIEUX

Montreal, Quebec

Richard Lemieux rescued a boy from burning, Montreal, Quebec, April 30, 2005. Late at night, a 16-year-old boy and his friend stood at an open window of the friend's fourth-floor apartment and screamed for help, as fire had erupted in the apartment and trapped them. Lemieux, 46, off-duty firefighter who lived nearby, was awakened by the screams and went to investigate. Seeing the flames, he responded to the apartment building and ran up the stairs to the fourth floor, where smoke partially filled the hall. He opened the door to the burning apartment but was repulsed by fire conditions. Entering a neighboring apartment, Lemieux went to a window that was about four feet from the one in which he had seen the boy. Facing inside, he

sat on the windowsill, his feet off the floor, and told the boy and his friend to step from their window to his. The boy, who outweighed Lemieux by about 70 pounds, left his window and, facing the building, stepped toward Lemieux. Releasing his handhold of the building and leaning through the window, Lemieux grasped the boy by his nightclothes and pulled him head first into the room with him. Firefighters who responded shortly rescued the friend. Both the boy and his friend sustained minor burns and were treated at the hospital. 78489-9012



KEITH LEUCI

Paris, Tennessee

Keith Leuci rescued James E. Barnes from burning, Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey, August 20, 2004. Barnes, 26, was the passenger of an automobile that collided with a sport utility vehicle entering its lane. The sport utility vehicle then struck another car and landed atop it. All three vehicles caught fire, with flames issuing from the rear and passenger side of the car Barnes was in, and spreading to its interior. Leuci, 38, carpenter, came upon the scene. Responding to the wreckage, he heard a scream, then saw Barnes attempting to climb through the window of the driver's door. Although he himself was injured in a highway accident just weeks earlier, Leuci ran to that car's driver's door. He attempted to open it but found it jammed. Leuci then bent down the top of the door frame, reached through the opening, and grasped Barnes. Flames were growing inside the car and heat was blistering as Leuci tugged on Barnes and pulled him from the vehicle. They fell to the pavement. Leuci and others took Barnes to safety as flames virtually engulfed the vehicle, the driver of which died at the scene. Barnes was hospitalized for treatment of his significant injuries, which included severe burns. Leuci also required medical attention, for minor burns and other injuries. 78487-8992



EDSEL G. LORENZEN

Radcliffe, Iowa

Edsel G. Lorenzen saved Ryan A. Reisinger from burning, Radcliffe, Iowa, February 23, 2005. Reisinger, 21, was semiconscious and severely injured in the driver's seat of his car after an accident in which the vehicle left the road and came to rest upright among evergreen trees in the front yard of a residence. Fire broke out at the rear of the car and began to spread, including to the inside. Lorenzen, 75, retired farmer, who lived at the scene, ran from his house to the car, where he found the passenger door jammed and the driver's door blocked by tree branches. Lorenzen leaned head first into the car through the broken-out window of the passenger door and released Reisinger's safety belt. He then grasped Reisinger about the shoulders and, backing from the car, pulled him through the window. Flames shortly engulfed the car. Reisinger required extensive hospitalization for treatment of his injuries, but he was not burned. Lorenzen sustained minor burns to his face and hands, and cuts to his hands. He required medical attention and fully recovered. 78363-8969



MICHAEL MAULDIN

Charlotte, North Carolina

Michael Mauldin saved Brian K. Beaman from drowning, Atlantic Beach, North Carolina, July 15, 2003. Brian, 8, was wading in the Atlantic Ocean when he was carried farther from shore into water beyond his depth. His father entered the water for him but had difficulty while attempting to reach him. Lying nearby on the beach, Mauldin, 43, police officer, was alerted to the situation. A strong swimmer but inexperienced with swimming in the ocean, Mauldin ran into the water and waded and swam to Brian, then about 170 feet from shore. He grasped Brian by the arm and began to swim back to shore directly but made little progress and tired from the effort. Concluding that they were caught by an undertow, Mauldin began to swim toward shore at an angle, and he signaled to Brian's father to do the same. With great

effort, Mauldin towed Brian to wadable water, where another man helped them to shore. Brian's father also reached shore. He and Mauldin were exhausted, but they recovered. Brian was uninjured. 78073-8977



DAVID MICHAEL MCCARTNEY

Elwood, Indiana

David Michael McCartney helped to rescue Elizabeth A. Testerman from burning, Atlanta, Indiana, January 9, 2006. Testerman, 54, was the driver of a sport utility vehicle that left the roadway, went down an embankment, and struck a concrete culvert. The vehicle came to rest partially on its passenger side and caught fire in its engine compartment. Flames grew and entered the vehicle at its floorboard, burning Testerman. McCartney, 21, factory worker, had been following Testerman and witnessed the accident. He stopped at the scene and approached the burning vehicle from the front. Despite four-foot flames on the front of the vehicle, McCartney kicked in the remaining portion of the windshield, then reached inside and cut one of the straps of Testerman's safety belt. Another motorist who had responded reached through the broken-out window of the driver's door and cut the other strap. McCartney and the other motorist then pulled Testerman through the windshield and, joined by a third man, carried her to safety. Flames soon engulfed the vehicle and compromised its fuel tank. Testerman required hospitalization for treatment of second-degree burns and other injuries. 79122-9045



WADE McDONALD

Brooklyn, New York

Wade McDonald died after attempting to help save Brandon A. Clayton and Jermaine Cohen from drowning, Rockaway Park, New York, June 5, 2005. Brandon, 15, and Jermaine, 16, were in wadable water of the Atlantic Ocean when they were pulled by a strong current away from the beach. People on shore, including McDonald, 40, boilermaker, saw the boys in difficulty. McDonald ran into the water and began to swim toward them, as did a man

on a surfboard. Jermaine submerged, and McDonald began to struggle to stay afloat. At a point about 300 feet from the beach, Brandon, exhausted, was secured by the surfer then was returned to shore. McDonald, who had been nearby, submerged. He was pulled, unconscious, from the water by city harbor police and was taken to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead of drowning. Jermaine's body was recovered 21 days later. 78576-9030



KENNETH A. MCINTOSH

Pierceton, Indiana

Kenneth A. McIntosh rescued Pamela M. Walls from burning, Pierceton, Indiana, September 15, 2004. Walls, 49, was asleep in her bedroom after fire erupted in the adjacent kitchen of her one-story house. She awoke to smoke and left her bed but lost consciousness before she could flee the structure. McIntosh, 46, farm and ranch operator, was driving nearby when he saw smoke, then flames, issuing from the house. After calling the fire department, he and other men ran to the house to check for occupants. They broke out windows but saw only smoke inside the structure. Clearing smoke in Walls's bedroom allowed McIntosh to see her lying on the floor. Boosted to the window by another man, he climbed head first through the window and proceeded into the room to Walls, crouching to avoid the denser smoke above him. He dragged Walls to the window, then lifted her outside to the others, who lowered her to the ground. McIntosh then climbed through the window to safety. Firefighters arrived within minutes and extinguished the fire, but flames had spread to the entire house and destroyed it. Walls was hospitalized for treatment of severe lung injury. McIntosh sustained only minor cuts, from which he recovered. 77981-8967



CHRISTOPHER R. G. MERVIN
Chatham, Ontario

Christopher R. G. Mervin saved a man and woman from burning, Strathroy, Ontario, November 7, 2004. The man, 52, and woman, 42, were inside the man's apartment, on the first floor of a two-story house, after fire broke out in the kitchen of that unit and filled the apartment with dense smoke. Nearby in the neighborhood, Mervin, 33, laborer, was alerted to the fire. He responded to the scene, where he learned that the house was occupied. Mervin entered the enclosed porch at the front of the house but was forced out by smoke. He re-entered, that time on his stomach, and moved across the porch to the front door, then into the entry hall. Finding the man in the hall, Mervin grasped him, but the man started to pull Mervin farther into the building. Mervin held the man in a bear hug and forced him from the house. He then re-entered the structure, again crawling through the enclosed porch and into the hall. Entering the living room, which was off the hall, he found the woman standing there. Mervin grasped her underneath the arms and dragged her from the house to safety. Neither the man nor the woman was injured. Mervin inhaled smoke, and he recovered. 78095-9015



ROBERT REX MILLER
Lakeside, California

Robert Rex Miller helped to rescue Silvestre O. Garcia from burning, San Diego, California, April 29, 2005. Semiconscious, Garcia, 31, was trapped inside his car after an interstate highway accident in which the car was rear-ended by a sport utility vehicle. Four other vehicles were then struck. Garcia's car and the sport utility vehicle came to rest in contact with each other on their driver's sides, and both were burning, with flames spreading to the back-seat area of Garcia's car. Miller, 45, plumber, was in one of the other involved vehicles. Uninjured, he exited that vehicle and, taking a hammer, responded to the passenger side of Garcia's car. Miller broke out the window of the passenger door with the hammer, then leaned inside the car to his

waist, singeing his hair and clothing. He cut Garcia's safety belt, then grasped and pulled him headfirst partially through the window. Another man helped to remove Garcia the rest of the way from the car. He and Miller then dragged Garcia to safety. Flames shortly engulfed both vehicles. Garcia was taken to the hospital for treatment of his injuries, which included burns. Miller also was treated at the hospital, for arm and hand lacerations. He recovered. 78554-9022



TERRY MILLER

Ionia, Michigan

Terry Miller rescued Rachel Majewski and Bradley Hammond from burning, Hastings, Michigan, September 7, 2004. Rachel, 4, and her brother, Bradley, 9 months old, were inside their family's mobile home after a gas explosion there set fire to the kitchen and living room. When a neighbor who was nearby, Terry, 15, high school student, learned that the children were inside, he entered the burning living room through the mobile home's front door. He heard Rachel crying in the adjacent kitchen and went to her. Terry carried Rachel outside and then re-entered in search of Bradley. Repelled by smoke, he exited the mobile home but entered a third time. Hearing Bradley crying, Terry moved through the smoke and found Bradley in his crib in a far corner of the living room. Terry picked him up and took him outside. Rachel and Bradley were badly burned and required extensive hospitalization. Terry showed signs of smoke inhalation, and he recovered. The mobile home was destroyed in the fire. 77993-8985



THOMAS J. MOEHLER

Bayville, New Jersey

Thomas J. Moehler rescued Mark K. Stanfield from an attacking dog, Bayville, New Jersey, April 29, 2005. By bicycle, Mark, 10, was attempting to flee a 75-pound dog, a pit bull mix, that had been menacing him. The dog in pursuit, he pedaled through his neighborhood to the home of friends, where,

screaming for help, he turned into the driveway. The dog attacked him there, biting him severely about the feet and legs. Thomas, 16, high school student, who lived at that house, responded through the front door. Although he was wearing a cast on his right forearm and was dressed only in shorts, Thomas ran to the dog, grasped it about the torso, and pulled it off Mark, enabling him to flee to safety. The dog then turned on Thomas, chasing him into the street, where he fell. The dog bit Thomas about the left knee, ankle, and foot before Thomas regained his footing and jumped atop a car parked in the driveway. Police arrived shortly and captured the dog, which was later destroyed. Mark and Thomas were taken to the hospital, where they were treated for multiple bite wounds. 78496-8986



PATRICK W. MOTT

Rathdrum, Idaho

Patrick W. Mott attempted to save Henry W. Scheller from drowning, Twin Lakes, Idaho, February 27, 2005. While ice fishing, Scheller, 74, broke through weak ice on Lower Twin Lake at a point about 700 feet from the closer bank. He shouted for help. Working outdoors at his home on that bank, Mott, 65, retired logger, heard him. As his wife called for help, Mott assembled rope and a metal dinghy and took to the ice, pushing the dinghy toward Scheller. At a point about 10 feet from him, Mott too broke through the ice, and his efforts to climb from the open water were unsuccessful. Firefighters arrived shortly and pulled Mott, then Scheller, from the water. Mott returned unaided to the bank as firefighters removed Scheller to safety there. Scheller received medical attention, and Mott was cold but uninjured.

78501-8988



RANDY A. NOLEN
New Cumberland, Pennsylvania

Randy A. Nolen helped to rescue Juancio Irizarry from burning, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, January 28, 2005. Irizarry, 59, was in a second-floor bedroom at the front of a three-story row house after fire broke out in the room and set the bed aflame. Nolen, 43, executive, drove by the scene and, seeing smoke issue from the bedroom windows, learned that Irizarry was in that room. He ran into the house and climbed the stairs to the second floor, as did another man who had been passing by and who had already attempted a rescue. The men proceeded through a hall to Irizarry's room. The other man opened the bedroom door and found Irizarry lying on the floor, behind the door. Grasping Irizarry by an arm, he pulled him into the hall and with Nolen carried him to the top of the stairs. Together the men carried Irizarry downstairs, where they awaited the arrival of emergency personnel. Irizarry required hospitalization for extensive burns, and Nolen and the other man were given oxygen at the scene. 78257-8980



JOHN WILLIAM OPLINGER
Wapwallopen, Pennsylvania

John William Oplinger helped to rescue Frank T. Tencza from burning, Mountain Top, Pennsylvania, February 27, 2004. At night, Frank, 15, was trapped in the front passenger seat of the cab of a pickup truck after an accident in which the vehicle left the road, entered a wooded area, and caught fire at its front end. Oplinger, 56, residential service aid, was driving on the road and was among the first to come upon the scene. He stopped there, as did another male motorist. The men approached the truck, where, finding the doors jammed, they removed the driver and other occupants of the vehicle through the window of the driver's door. Flames had entered the passenger compartment of the vehicle and were growing. Oplinger and the other motorist responded to the passenger side of the truck, where they reached

through the window of the passenger door and worked to free Frank by moving his seat and pushing on the dashboard. Then maneuvering Frank, they freed his legs, positioned him on the seat, and pulled him from the vehicle, through its driver's side. Oplinger and the other motorist carried Frank to safety moments before the interior of the truck was engulfed by flames. Frank required hospitalization for treatment of his injuries, which included burns to his legs. 78320-8976



TIMOTHY J. PAQUETTE

Auburn, Massachusetts

Timothy J. Paquette saved Thomas E. Bramich, Jr., and Andrew W. Felsing from burning, Fitchburg, Massachusetts, May 27, 2004. Bramich, 32, was the pilot of a single-engine airplane that crashed on a road adjacent to an airport shortly after take-off, and Felsing, 24, was his passenger. Flames broke out on the engine, grew to about five feet high, and began to spread, and spilled fuel was in and about the craft. Paquette, 34, associate court officer, was driving on the road and witnessed the crash. He ran to the wreckage, reached his upper body inside, and grasped Bramich. As Bramich was pinned by his legs, Paquette pulled on him repeatedly to free him, then he dragged Bramich from the plane to a point of safety. Paquette returned to the plane, the interior of which had begun to burn. Again reaching inside, he grasped Felsing, who was covered with fuel. He pulled Felsing from the plane and took him to where Bramich lay. Flames then engulfed the plane. Bramich and Felsing were taken to the hospital, where they were detained for treatment of significant injuries. 77935-8968



DAVID S. PARKS

Weston, West Virginia

David S. Parks helped to rescue Andrew F. Sleigh, Jr., and saved Mary G. Sleigh from burning, Weston, West Virginia, July 17, 2005. Sleigh, 75, and his wife, 83, were on the second floor of their house after fire erupted in a bedroom on that floor. Visiting in the neighborhood, Parks, 38, deputy sheriff, saw thick smoke issuing from the residence and immediately responded to it. He entered the house and called out, then, hearing the couple on the second floor, ascended the stairs. Dense smoke on the second floor repelled him, and he retreated below the smoke to breathe. Parks crawled back to the top of the stairs, then through the hall until he brushed against one of Sleigh's feet. He grasped Sleigh by that foot and dragged him to the top of the stairs. A man who had been driving by also saw smoke, and he too entered the house and proceeded up the stairs. As Parks left to obtain a wet towel from the first floor, the other man dragged Sleigh downstairs. Two other rescuers who had entered the house removed him to safety through the front door. Parks, meanwhile, returned to the second floor and found Ms. Sleigh standing in the smoke in the hall. Taking her by the hand, he guided her downstairs and outside to safety. Sleigh required extensive hospitalization for treatment of severe burns. His wife was hospitalized for smoke inhalation, and she recovered. Parks too suffered effects of smoke inhalation, and he recovered. 78678-9036



RANDALL S. PAULSON, JR.

Livermore, California

Randall S. Paulson, Jr., helped to save a woman from falling, Pleasanton, California, March 16, 2005. In an apparent suicide attempt, a 26-year-old woman sat on the outside edge of an interstate highway overpass, at a point about 28 feet above the highway surface. Police were called to the scene, including Paulson, 36, who responded from the figuring municipality and took command of the situation. As he talked to the woman, she suddenly fell

from her position but grasped the top of a large sign that was affixed to the side of the overpass, and she dangled over the highway. A deputy sheriff who had responded from another municipality immediately climbed a chain-link fence along the edge of the overpass and lowered himself to a position atop the sign. Holding to the fence with one hand, he grasped the woman by the hand with his other, but he could not pull her up. Paulson then scaled the fence and lowered himself to a position atop the sign. He and the other officer pulled the woman up to the top of the sign, then helped her scale the fence to where officers on the deck of the overpass assumed control of her. Paulson and the other officer then climbed the fence to the safety of the overpass deck. The woman required hospital treatment. 78584-9004



PETER J. PELLETIER, SR.

Lee, Maine

Peter J. Pelletier, Sr., saved a woman from burning, Lee, Maine, December 20, 2004. A woman was lying on the bed in a bedroom of a house after setting a fire in the living room in a suicide attempt. In his office a few miles away, Pelletier, 38, forest ranger, was alerted to the situation. He and another man responded to the scene and attempted to gain access to the house by breaking through the front door, but smoke and flames at the door prevented them from entering. The other man then hoisted Pelletier up to a bedroom window, which, partially open, was about seven feet off the ground. Seeing the woman in that room, Pelletier climbed through the window. Although the bedroom door was closed, smoke was filling the room and heat there was intense. Pelletier roused the woman, then assisted her to the window and through it to the other man, who helped her to the ground. Pelletier then exited the house through the window. The woman required hospitalization, and Pelletier was not injured. 78202-8963



LEE PIERCE

Clayton, Indiana

Lee Pierce helped to rescue Elizabeth A. Testerman from burning, Atlanta, Indiana, January 9, 2006. Testerman, 54, was the driver of a sport utility vehicle that left the roadway, went down an embankment, and struck a concrete culvert. The vehicle came to rest partially on its passenger side and caught fire in its engine compartment. Flames grew and entered the vehicle at its floorboard, burning Testerman. Driving on the same highway, Pierce, 29, cable technician, came upon the scene and stopped, then approached the burning vehicle from the front. Despite four-foot flames on the front of the vehicle, he reached through the broken-out window of the driver's door and cut one of the straps of Testerman's safety belt. Another motorist who had responded reached through the windshield and cut the other strap. He and Pierce then pulled Testerman through the windshield and, joined by a third man, carried her to safety. Flames soon engulfed the vehicle and compromised its fuel tank. Testerman required hospitalization for treatment of second-degree burns and other injuries. 79100-9046



JONATHAN PINQUE

Toney, Alabama

Jonathan Pinque helped to save Ricardo Jaramillo II and Jacob B. Green from drowning, Toney, Alabama, March 20, 2005. Unconscious, Ricardo and Jacob, both 15, remained in an automobile that had left the roadway, entered a pond, and sunk in water about six feet deep. Jonathan, 16, high school student, was at his nearby home when he witnessed the accident. He immediately ran to the scene and entered the pond, swam about 15 feet to the vehicle, and attempted to open the passenger door. Needing a tool, Jonathan left the pond and obtained a metal bar. He re-entered the pond, having removed his wet jeans, and returned to the vehicle, where he mounted its roof and broke out the sunroof with the bar. Lying on the submerged car,

Jonathan reached inside and found Ricardo. He pulled him head first through the sunroof, then handed him off to another boy who had arrived. Again reaching inside the car, Jonathan located Jacob, who outweighed him, and pulled him through the sunroof, then helped return him to the bank. Both Ricardo and Jacob required hospital treatment for their injuries, as did Jonathan, who sustained multiple cuts. All recovered. 78352-8984



ANTHONY J. PRIAMI

Indianapolis, Indiana

Anthony J. Priami helped to save Mark T. Yates from burning, Indianapolis, Indiana, January 4, 2005. Unconscious, Yates, 41, remained in the driver's seat of his automobile after an accident in which the car struck a concrete abutment of an overpass. Fire broke out in the vehicle's engine compartment. Priami, 36, off-duty police officer, was driving in a funeral procession that came upon the scene. He stopped and with other men from the procession approached the burning car. They tried without success to open the driver's door then responded to the passenger side of the vehicle. Priami opened the front door, then, despite flames nearby in the engine compartment and beginning to enter the interior through the dashboard, entered the car for Yates. He and a man who joined him tried to move Yates, but Yates was trapped in the wreckage. Another man then opened the car's rear passenger-side door, entered, and moved toward the driver's side. He reached over the front seat and manipulated both the steering wheel and Yates's legs to free him. Priami and the other man in the front-seat area pulled Yates across the seat and out of the vehicle, but while they did so, the rear door was closed, leaving the third rescuer inside the smoke-filled car. He exited the vehicle safely then helped Priami and the other men drag Yates to safety. Within a minute, flames engulfed the car. Yates required lengthy hospitalization for treatment of his injuries, but he was not burned. Priami singed his hair and suffered smoke inhalation, from which he recovered. 79265-9034



KERRY D. REARDON
St. Petersburg, Florida

Kerry D. Reardon saved Amar Jakupovic from drowning, Tampa, Florida, November 5, 2005. Amar, 7, was trapped in the back seat of his family's sport utility vehicle after it dropped from a highway bridge into Tampa Bay. The vehicle submerged in water at least 15 feet deep. Other members of Amar's family escaped the vehicle and were picked up by four men in a boat. Driving on the bridge, Reardon, 43, air and hydronics technician, stopped at the scene and learned that someone remained in the vehicle. He removed his shoes, then dived from the bridge into the water, the surface of which was about 14 feet below. Reardon located the vehicle on his first dive, then surfaced for air. He dived again and went to the driver's side of the vehicle, which he entered through the window of the driver's door. Finding Amar in the back seat, Reardon freed him from his safety belt, then removed him from the vehicle. They surfaced and were taken aboard the boat. Amar was unconscious, and resuscitation efforts were begun as the boat went to shore. Amar was taken to the hospital for treatment, and he recovered. Reardon sustained minor scratches, and he too recovered. 78871-9020



GERALD L. RIBEIRO
New Bedford, Massachusetts

Gerald L. Ribeiro helped to rescue Raymond A. Pittsley from burning, Freetown, Massachusetts, August 16, 2004. Pittsley, 80, was the driver of a dump truck that, in a highway accident, overturned onto its driver's side in the grassy median of a highway. Fuel leaked onto the grass. Other motorists, including Ribeiro, 33, delivery van driver, stopped at the scene and approached the dump truck. Pittsley appeared unconscious. The men reached through the windshield and were struggling to pull Pittsley out when fire erupted suddenly at the truck and repelled them. Ribeiro returned to the truck and pulled Pittsley from the cab, then laid him on the ground.

After obtaining a fire extinguisher, one of the other men returned, and he and Ribeiro dragged Pittsley to the highway. Injured and burned, Pittsley was hospitalized but succumbed nine days later. Ribeiro likewise required hospital treatment for burns, including second-degree, to his face, arms, and a leg.

77777-8971



JASON E. RIGGS

Lebanon, Missouri

Jason E. Riggs helped to save Jonathan M. Knickle from drowning, Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, July 29, 2005. After a few hours of fishing, Knickle, 23, a guide, and two clients, Riggs, 33, state trooper, and his friend, took their 18-foot aluminum boat to shore in a remote area along the East Arm of Great Slave Lake. Intending to prepare a meal, they disembarked but found minutes later that the boat was drifting away from shore. Clothed, Knickle immediately entered the 41-degree lake and began to swim to the boat. Experiencing difficulty in the frigid water, he stopped swimming and shouted for help. Alone and with no means of calling for help, Riggs and his friend removed their outer attire, entered the water, and swam about 120 feet to Knickle. They grasped Knickle, who was bobbing in the water, and positioned him on his back. Grasping Knickle's clothes about the shoulder, Riggs and his friend swam back to shore, albeit with difficulty as they swam against a current, swallowed water, and experienced fatigue. In wadable water, Riggs and his friend dragged Knickle ashore, where they divided up their dry clothing. About 35 minutes later, fishermen in another boat saw the drifting vessel and located the stranded party. Their boat returned to them, Knickle and Riggs and his friend returned to the lodge. Knickle was cold and sore, but he recovered the next day. Riggs was cold and nearly exhausted. He recovered later that day after resting. 79290-9024



JAMIE D. W. ROBERTSON
Calgary, Alberta

Jamie D. W. Robertson rescued Melanie Strong from assault, Calgary, Alberta, October 31, 2005. Strong, 26, opened the door to her apartment to find a masked man holding a hunting knife. The man entered the apartment foyer and stabbed Strong repeatedly. Strong's next-door neighbor, Robertson, 43, machinist, heard a scuffle and responded to Strong's door. Partially opening it, he heard Strong shout for help. Robertson forced the door open, entered the foyer, and grasped the assailant by the neck. When the assailant raised his knife hand, Robertson grasped him by that wrist, and he forced him from the building. The assailant fell to the ground, then regained his footing and fled. Strong required two weeks' hospitalization for treatment of her wounds. Robertson aggravated a previous back injury.

79293-9031



DEAN ROGGENKAMP
Crestwood, Illinois

Dean Roggenkamp helped to save a woman from drowning, Hot Springs, Arkansas, May 19, 2005. In a suicide attempt, a 65-year-old woman sat on the edge of a bridge spanning Lake Hamilton, at a point about 300 feet from the closer bank, then dropped 45 feet into the water. A motorist on the bridge, Roggenkamp, 51, salesman, stopped at the scene and saw her floating on her back and calling out for help. Deciding to enter the lake for the victim, Roggenkamp and a woman who had been jogging on the bridge removed their shoes and together jumped feet first into the water, Roggenkamp hitting its surface hard on his side. They approached the victim, supported her under her back, and began to swim to the bank with her. Joined by another woman, who had swum out from the bank, the rescuers took the victim toward shore and near it were met by two fishermen responding in a boat. As the rescuers held to the boat and to the victim, the fishermen towed them to

a nearby dock, where they left the lake. The victim survived but required hospitalization. Roggenkamp required hospital treatment for a contusion to his lung, and he recovered. 78602-9006



DENNIS L. ROUX

Rice Lake, Wisconsin

Dennis L. Roux helped to rescue Dennis R. Drew and Lauren D. Hesebeck from assault, Birchwood, Wisconsin, November 21, 2004. Drew, 55, and Hesebeck, 48, were with others members of a deer hunting party on private property when they confronted a trespasser. They directed him to leave. The trespasser, armed with a rifle, started to walk away but then opened fire on the hunters, wounding Drew, Hesebeck, and another man and killing three others. Other members of the hunting party at their nearby cabin were alerted by radio to the shooting. Two of them responded to the scene in an all-terrain vehicle and evacuated one of the surviving victims, but two more rescuers responding in an all-terrain vehicle were shot and mortally wounded by the assailant while en route. The assailant reappeared at the scene and opened fire on Hesebeck, then fled. Two other members of the party at the cabin, Roux, 63, retired union officer, and Drew's brother, learned that Drew needed a pickup truck for his evacuation. Despite not knowing the assailant's whereabouts, they responded to the scene in a pickup and evacuated Drew and Hesebeck, Roux tending Drew in the bed of the truck as they returned to the cabin. Hospitalized, Drew died the next day of his injury. Hesebeck was also hospitalized, for treatment, including surgery, of a shoulder wound, and he recovered. 79756-9052



MICHAEL S. RUCINSKI

Starkville, Mississippi

Michael S. Rucinski saved Landon, Garrett, and Shari Hoffman from drowning, Brooksville, Mississippi, March 13, 2006. Brothers Landon, 10, and Garrett, 12, fell from a spillway at Bluff Lake into the 53-degree water of a drainage pool and were carried by the swift current out into the deep pool. Their mother, Hoffman, 41, who was fishing from the bank, entered the water for them, as they could not swim from the current. Fishing on the opposite bank, Rucinski, 35, maintenance employee, immediately ran around the pool to the nearer side. Removing his shoes, he dived into the water and swam about 45 feet to Landon, who was in water about 27 feet deep. He took Landon back to the bank, then saw that Hoffman was having difficulty with Garrett. Rucinski entered the pool again and swam out to them. Securing a hold on the boy, he took Garrett to the bank. Rucinski re-entered the pool again when he saw that Hoffman, who was nearly exhausted from the cold, was having difficulty. He helped her to shallow water, from which both left to safety. 79247-9040



PATRICIA A. RUPERT

Grand Rapids, Ohio

Patricia A. Rupert rescued Jillian M. Badenhop from burning, Liberty Center, Ohio, November 20, 2004. Badenhop, 22, was semiconscious in the driver's seat of her sport utility vehicle after it was struck from the rear by a tractor-trailer and pushed off the highway onto an embankment. Flames that broke out at the rear of the vehicle entered the passenger compartment. Rupert, 43, homemaker, was the driver of one of the three other vehicles that were involved in the accident. Hearing Badenhop's cry for help, Rupert, although injured, ran to the burning vehicle. She found the driver's door jammed, but the window was down or missing. Despite growing flames inside the vehicle, Rupert leaned through the window and grasped

Badenhop about the arms. She pulled Badenhop partially through the window, then called for help. Rupert pulled Badenhop the rest of the way from the vehicle, and they fell to the ground. Another motorist carried Badenhop to safety, Rupert following. Flames soon engulfed the vehicle. Badenhop was hospitalized for treatment of her injuries, which included serious burns. Rupert was not burned, but she required hospital treatment for a sprained ankle and other injuries. 78359-8973



BENJAMIN SAKS

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Benjamin Saks helped to save a police officer from assault, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, February 25, 2006. A police officer, 24, tackled the man he had been pursuing on a city street and took him to the pavement. The men struggled there, the officer calling for backup as the man attempted to get the officer's duty weapon. Saks, 21, college student, who lived nearby, saw the latter part of the chase. Standing on the street near where the men were struggling, he asked the officer if he need help. Saks then approached the men and lay on the assailant's legs to help hold him down. The assailant grasped the officer's weapon and fired it, the bullet passing through the gun's holster and striking Saks in the left hand. Saks got to his feet and backed away as two other officers approached. The assailant was subdued and arrested. The first officer recovered from lacerations and scrapes, and Saks required hospital treatment for his wound, which was sutured. 79135-9014



JAMES TREVOR SCOTT

Niagara Falls, Ontario

James Trevor Scott helped to rescue Edward Bednarowski from assault, Niagara Falls, Ontario, February 18, 2004. Bednarowski, 38, a police officer, was attempting to question a suspect in a driveway off a residential street in early-evening darkness. The suspect produced a loaded handgun, aimed it at

Bednarowski, and fired it at close range, but Bednarowski deflected the assailant's gun hand and the shot missed. Going to the pavement, Bednarowski and the assailant then struggled for control of the gun. Scott, 38, laborer, who lived across the street, was alerted to the assault by a male friend, and they responded to the scene. The men approached the struggle and lay atop the assailant, one on each side. They pinned his hands to the pavement as the assailant, still holding the gun, struggled against them. Other officers arrived shortly and disarmed and subdued the assailant, releasing Scott and his friend. Bednarowski suffered minor injuries to a hand. 78703-9000



JOHNNY P. SENN

Elba, Alabama

Johnny P. Senn helped to rescue Justin A. Wilks from burning, Spring Hill, Alabama, November 12, 2004. Semiconscious, Wilks, 21, was trapped in the driver's seat of a burning pickup truck after a highway accident at night. Traveling together on the same road, Senn, 39, who was an off-duty state trooper, and a friend responded to the scene. Hearing Wilks scream, they went to the driver's door of the truck, despite flames issuing from its front end and leaking gasoline on the pavement. The other man forced open the door, then extended his upper body into the truck and released Wilks's safety belt as Senn also reached into the truck and worked to free Wilks's feet from the pedals. As Senn then grasped Wilks about the legs, the other man held him by the upper body. They pulled him from the truck just moments before an explosive rush of flames engulfed the vehicle and spread to another vehicle nearby that also had been involved in the accident. Wilks was hospitalized three days for treatment of injuries sustained in the accident, including a minor burn. 78087-8965



LESLIE JOSEPH STANIOWSKI

North Las Vegas, Nevada

Leslie Joseph Stanowski died after saving Kensen Lee from assault, Las Vegas, Nevada, April 1, 2004. Lee, 45, was at work as a casino bartender when a man approached the bar, produced a loaded handgun, and shot at him repeatedly at close range. Not hit, Lee went to the floor behind the bar. Seated at the bar next to the assailant, Stanowski, 51, cab driver, yelled at the assailant, then jumped from his seat, grabbed the assailant around the neck with his left arm, and pulled on him. The assailant shot Stanowski in the chest, then shot him again, in the back, as he lay on the floor. The assailant walked out of the casino but was shortly dispatched by police officers who had been nearby. Stanowski was taken to the hospital, where he died of his wounds. 78124-8962



TERRY W. THACKER

Trafford, Alabama

Terry W. Thacker rescued James D. and saved Virginia C. White from burning, Trafford, Alabama, January 21, 2005. At night, White, 64, was driving a car in which his wife, 65, was the front-seat passenger when the vehicle collided with a pickup truck that entered their lane. The truck burst into flames on impact. The vehicles left the roadway and came to rest in the yard of a residence, the front of the car, then aflame, against the side of the truck. The owner of the residence, Thacker, 47, pipe fitter, heard the crash and immediately responded to the scene. He approached the left side of the car, finding that the window of the driver's door had been broken out. Thacker leaned through the window opening, grasped White, and pulled him head first from the car. Another man moved him farther away. Thacker turned back to the window, again leaned through it, and grasped Ms. White. He pulled her head first through the window and to the ground, then, spent, collapsed to the ground himself. The other man moved Ms. White farther away as Thacker moved away on his own. Flames shortly engulfed the car. White and his wife

were hospitalized for treatment of significant injuries, White's including second-degree burns. Thacker injured a finger and strained back muscles, and he recovered. 78274-8974



ARTHUR THORP

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Arthur Thorp helped to save Victoria M. Salukas from burning, Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania, August 26, 2004. Salukas, 48, lay semiconscious on the front seat of her car after an accident in which the car left the roadway and struck a guide rail and then a tree. Flames broke out in the engine compartment and grew. Thorp, 56, insurance salesman, approached the scene in his vehicle and stopped. He attempted to open the doors of the burning car but found them all jammed. Bracing himself against the car, Thorp pulled open the right rear door, then entered the back seat area. He lowered the back of the front passenger seat, then leaned over the seat and grasped Salukas as flames spread to the interior of the car. Thorp pulled Salukas into the back seat then started to maneuver her from the vehicle. Another man held Salukas while Thorp exited the car. The men pulled her from the vehicle and took her to safety as the interior of the car was shortly engulfed by flames. Salukas required hospitalization for treatment of extensive injuries.

79147-9044



PETER J. VARSALONA

Bayonne, New Jersey

Peter J. Varsalona helped to save Usman A. Chaudhry from burning, Kearny, New Jersey, March 26, 2005. Following a nighttime highway accident involving the four-door car that he was driving, Chaudhry, 18, remained in the driver's seat, unconscious. Flames broke out at the front end of the vehicle and grew and spread rapidly. A motorist, Varsalona, 56, attorney, came upon the scene. He approached the passenger side of the vehicle,

entered the front seat completely, and reached over to Chaudhry but found that Chaudhry was trapped. Leaving the car to ask for help, Varsalona re-entered, grasped Chaudhry about the arms, and pulled on him as another man pushed from the back seat. They removed Chaudhry through the passenger door, Varsalona falling with him to the pavement. Varsalona and others then dragged Chaudhry to safety as flames engulfed the car. Chaudhry, who was not burned, was taken to the hospital but did not survive his injuries. 78451-8978



KEVIN ANTHONY VENN

Richmond, British Columbia

Kevin Anthony Venn saved a woman from assault, Richmond, British Columbia, July 31, 2004. At night, a young woman struggled against her intoxicated boyfriend in a wooded area just off a commercial street. Her shouting attracted the attention of Venn, 20, an attendant at a service station nearby. After telling the manager of the station to call 911, Venn, believing he was witnessing an attempted rape, approached the couple and told the assailant to stop his mistreatment of the woman. In response, the assailant, who was notably larger than Venn, turned on Venn, striking and kicking him repeatedly and sending him to the ground. The assailant and the woman left the scene. Arriving police found Venn about a mile away, the victim of what police believed to be a second vicious assault. Venn required hospitalization for treatment, including surgery, of extensive lacerations to his face and multiple fractures to bones in his head. 77831-9047



CHRISTOPHER N. WHITE

Carrollton, Georgia

Christopher N. White helped to rescue Jamie M. Daigle from an attacking shark, Miramar Beach, Florida, June 25, 2005. Jamie, 14, was swimming in the Gulf of Mexico when a large shark attacked her, inflicting severe wounds. A man who was on his surfboard in the vicinity paddled to Jamie and placed

her on the board, the shark remaining nearby. White, 23, environmental health specialist, was on the beach when he heard shouts for help. He entered the water and started out, en route being given an inflatable raft. White swam the raft to Jamie and the other man, then, with Jamie aboard the raft, started toward shore with it. The shark returned to them and swam in close proximity. From his surfboard, the other man hit the surface of the water to distract the shark, and it left the area. The men continued to shore with Jamie and removed her from the water with the help of others. Jamie could not be revived and died at the scene of her injuries. White was nearly exhausted after the rescue but shortly recovered. 78690-8994



DONALD C. WILKINSON, JR.
Lincoln, Nebraska

Donald C. Wilkinson, Jr., died after helping to save a boy from drowning, Aransas Pass, Texas, February 15, 2006. A 5-year-old boy fell from the end of a wooden pier that extended 60 feet into Conn Brown Harbor off the Gulf of Mexico. Fishing nearby from the pier, Wilkinson, 67, retired power plant employee, climbed over the pier railing and dropped six feet into the 60-degree water, which was about eight feet deep. He grasped the boy, then held to one of the pier's supports while the boy clung to him. A man in a boat responded shortly and took the boy aboard. Unable to take Wilkinson aboard, the man let the boat drift toward shore with Wilkinson holding to it. When they reached shallow water, the boy waded ashore and the boater assisted Wilkinson to a seated position. Wilkinson lost consciousness. He was removed from the water by paramedics, then was hospitalized. He died early the next day of complications of near drowning. 79183-9042



JESSICA M. WILLERS

Green Bay, Wisconsin

Jessica M. Willers died attempting to help rescue Dennis R. Drew, Lauren D. Hesebeck, and Mark J. Roidt from assault, Birchwood, Wisconsin, November 21, 2004. Drew, 55; Hesebeck, 48; and Roidt, 28, were with Willers's father and other members of a deer hunting party on private property when they confronted a trespasser. They directed him to leave. The trespasser, armed with a rifle, started to walk away but then opened fire on the hunters, wounding Drew, Hesebeck, and Willers's father and killing Roidt and two others. Willers's brother and another man were alerted to the shooting, and they responded by all-terrain vehicle from a nearby cabin. They evacuated Willers's father from the scene. Having heard her father's voice on a radio transmission, Willers, 27, surgical technician, who also was a member of the hunting party, set out from the cabin on an all-terrain vehicle with another of the hunters. After meeting briefly with her father's rescuers, Willers and the other hunter continued to the scene to aid the others, despite not knowing the assailant's whereabouts. En route, they too were shot and mortally wounded by the assailant. The assailant reappeared at the scene and opened fire on Hesebeck, then fled. Others arrived shortly and took Hesebeck and Drew to safety. Hospitalized, Drew died the next day of his injury. Hesebeck was also hospitalized, for treatment, including surgery, of a shoulder wound, and he recovered. 78836-9050

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Especially do we remember those who gave their lives saving or attempting to save others. Seven such sacrifices were honored during 2006, bringing the total to date to 1,893:

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